

COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS' AUDITORIUM
SPECIAL MEETING

THURSDAY

7:30 AM

OCTOBER 24, 2013

Board members present: Chairman, Obie O'Brien, Vice-Chairman Paul Jewell and Commissioner Gary Berndt.

Others: Judy Pless, Budget & Finance Manager; Superior Court Judge Scott Sparks; Superior Court Judge Francis Chmelewski; Lower District Court Judge James Hurson; Upper District Court Judge Darrel Ellis; Administrator to County Clerk Sarah Keith; Upper District Court Administrator Diana MacKenzie; Lower District Court Administrator Christine Luvera and Deputy Prosecutor Paul Sanders.

SPECIAL MEETING

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The 2014 Preliminary Budget discussions for the Judicial family group as departments presented their budgets to the Board.

Judicial Family Group

Lower District Court

Judge James Hurson presented his 2014 Preliminary Budget. Included in his budget is a request to increase a position from 50% to 100% for a cost of \$24,294. Judge Hurson stated he needed additional personnel to run the court efficiently and to perform all tasks on time. There is an increase in Jury & Witness fees. Judge Hurson discussed the remodel of court bullet proof glass entrance way. Discussion occurred to see if Trial Court Improvement can fund this project.

Discussion also occurred about the 3/10s funds, allowing the Courts to use them. Judge Sparks said 3/10s wasn't for the courts other than Co Clerk. He suggested getting the intention changed, having the Board ask Prosecutor for legal opinion.

Upper District Court

Judge Darrel Ellis presented his 2014 Preliminary Budget. Also, included in the budget is a proposed increased of a LPA 2 to a LPA 3 for a total increase of \$3,677. Discussion also occurred about the vehicle, which is costing more than what they had in their travel reimbursement budget of \$1,050. The current budget

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needs to add the items for fuel, oil change and vehicle maintenance and insurance costs.

Superior Court Judge

Judge Scott Sparks presented his 2014 Preliminary Budget. Judge Sparks stated there is a good relationship with the Judges and the Board of County Commissioners. Included in the budget is a new deputy administrator position, and increase in the Court Advocate Program and a request for new carpet.

County Clerk

Administrative Assistant Sarah Keith presented the 2014 Preliminary Budget for the County Clerk. They are requesting time stamps, office chairs and additional licensing for Liberty Web; 11 seats currently paid for \$1000 per license.

Commissioner Paul wants the Clerk's office to keep track of how much money is collected generated by collections position.

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Judy Pless



Obie O'Brien, Chairman