

**KITTITAS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSIONERS AUDITORIUM
SPECIAL MEETING**

TUESDAY

2:30 P.M.

FEBRUARY 11, 2014

Board members present: Chairman Paul Jewell (attended intermittently); Vice-Chairman Gary Berndt and Commissioner Obie O'Brien.

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Anna Lael, Conservation District Manager; Kirk Holmes, Public Works Director/Building Official; Mark Moore, KCCD Chair; Bill Boyum, KCCD Member.

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At 2:40 p.m. Vice-Chairman Berndt opened a Special Meeting to meet with the Kittitas County Conservation Dist.

Anna Lael, KCCD Manager stated that they have been housed with the USDA office on Mountain View Ave. in Ellensburg for a very long time. She stated that they have recently been informed they will begin paying rent annually come July 2014 and the rent will be \$50,000.00 and will be due in full. She stated that the figure they came up with is prorated per employee even though most of their staff isn't office workers. She questioned if the Board had any suggestions for office space for them and she reviewed some of the current spaces they have already looked at, through realtor Bob Hansen. She presented the Board with a draft of the KCCD Special Assessment funds. She explained that there is a sunset clause after ten years which would be 2017 for them. She provided the Board with the District Operations Brief for review and talked about financing options for a new building. She reviewed the option of renewing their Special Assessment funds which would require a total of three Public Hearings she believed since that is what was done the last time. She stated that two of the three hearings would be to allow them time to meet with Upper County and then Lower County citizens and then a final hearing with the Board of County Commissioners to finalize the renewed Special Assessment funds. Bill Boyum indicated that in the past they try to get on a number of agency agendas so they are fully aware of what is being proposed. The Board encouraged Ms. Lael to move forward with the process of renewing their Special Assessment funds.

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Chairman Jewell suggested they consider the potential of renting the Morris Sorenson Building. He said with the WSU Extension and the Noxious Weed office relocating to the Armory, the downstairs of the Morris Sorenson Building will be vacant. He stated that they could rent the space for approximately \$40,172.00 and that would come with utilities, maintenance and minimal custodial services.

Ms. Lael thanked the Board for the support and suggestions. She expressed interest in seeing the space at the Morris Sorenson building at some point. She stated that the County loaned the KCCD a vehicle and they need to return it. She explained that the vehicle was headed to surplus when they received it and now it is really time to retire the vehicle. She explained that the KCCD and the County has an MOU or an Agreement that allows for the vehicle exchange and she asked if the County was anticipating surplus anything that would be they could make use of. The Board indicated that they would see what comes up at surplus this year and let her know.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD


Mandy Buchholz

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Chairman Paul Jewell