

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM
REGULAR MEETING**

MONDAY

9:40 A.M.

JULY 28, 2014

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

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Jim Goeben, IT Director; Judy Pless, Budget and Finance Director.

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DEPARTMENT HEAD

INFO. TECH

Jim Goeben, IT Director explained to the Board that the Department Heads have an interest in instant messaging. He said he has looked into programming that would allow internal instant messaging (IM) only, which would remove the risk associated with the miscellaneous instant messaging programs that are being used now. He stated that it would be his recommendation that the Board leave the discretion of use up to the DH or EO but to only allow the Spark program and remove all external messaging. He stated that the IM would be for only transitory records and by using Spark (intranet), it would remove the risk of files being sent in or out of the network. Chairman Jewell expressed his concerns and stated that he could not support the request. Commissioner Berndt indicated that he had further questions to be answered and initially was not in support of the request, but could see some of the benefits after hearing from Staff. He stated that he will need more time before he can decide. Commissioner O'Brien stated that he would like to support the request but can see the Board's concerns and indicated that he shared some of them. He stated that additional time would be needed before he was ready to commit one way or the other. There being an allotted amount of time for Department Head meetings and the Board trying to keep on schedule they asked that Mr. Goeben look at a written policy and bring back for additional discussion at a Special Meeting or Study Session.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD


Mandy Buchholz

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Paul Jewell, Chairman

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