

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONER'S CONFERENCE ROOM
SPECIAL MEETING**

THURSDAY

3:00 P.M.

JANUARY 15, 2015

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

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor & Greg Zempel, Prosecutor. By Phone: Bill Clarke & Peter Dykstra, Plauche & Carr LLP.

SPECIAL MEETING

CLARKE/DYKSTRA EXTENSION

COMMISSIONERS

At 3:00 p.m. Chairman Berndt opened a Special Meeting to discuss the extension of the Professional Services Agreement with Bill Clarke and Peter Dykstra, Plauche & Carr LLP Special Appointed Deputy Prosecutor's for Kittitas County.

Bill Clarke, Special Deputy Prosecutor for Kittitas County gave a status update and reviewed their request for a six month extension. He stated that he and Peter Dykstra are meeting with County Staff on January 30, 2015.

Peter Dykstra, Special Deputy Prosecutor for Kittitas County reviewed a memo sent in advance to the Board. He stated that the Amerivest Bank closed on 1/9/2015. He explained that the County has closed on four water banks to date and are in negotiations with approximately nine others.

Greg Zempel, Prosecutor expressed his frustrations with regard to lack of communication between Mr. Clarke and Mr. Dykstra. He stated that he hasn't been kept in the loop and only receives bills from them. Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor stated that he hasn't heard from either Mr. Clarke or Mr. Dykstra in at least 6 months for updates. Mr. Zempel indicated that in the original PSA it was stated they would provide summary reports regularly and that hasn't been happening. He stated that his office needs to be kept in the loop and should be reviewing the proposals etc., that the County is working on and or considering.

Commissioner Jewell gave an overview of the discussion he has participated in. He stated that he was under the impression that Mr. Caulkins at the very least was being kept informed and apologized that neither Mr. Zempel nor Mr. Caulkins had been updated regarding the work Mr. Clarke and Mr. Dykstra had been working on. He questioned if Mr. Zempel was willing to sign another extension and that he isn't interested in having Mr. Clarke and Mr. Dykstra on

Staff long term. He stated that his Staff needs to be kept up to date so that, when the day comes where Mr. Clarke & Mr. Dykstra are no longer on as temporary Staff, that the "regular" Staff can defend an actively engage in a knowledgeable manner. Mr. Zempel indicated that he would be contacting Mr. Clarke and Mr. Dykstra letting them know of his expectations from this point on.

AGREEMENT

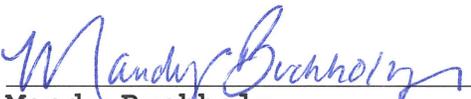
CLARKE/DYKSTRA - EXTENSION

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Jewell moved to authorize Board signature on a Professional Services Agreement Extension with Plauche and Carr LLP (Peter Dykstra) and Bill Clarke Attorney at Law & Government Affairs with a new end date of June 30, 2015, noting that all other provisions of the Agreement shall remain unchanged. Chairman Berndt seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

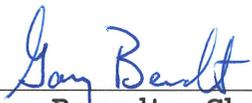
Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD



Mandy Buchholz

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Gary Berndt, Chairman