

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

**WEDNESDAY**

**11:00 A.M.**

**MAY 6, 2015**

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

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Judy Pless, Budget and Finance Director; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor; Brett Wachsmith, Treasurer.

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**DRAFT ADMIN TAX**

**COMMISSIONERS**

At 11:00 a.m. Chairman Berndt opened a Special Meeting to discuss with Staff a DRAFT Admissions Tax proposal.

Chairman Berndt provided a DRAFT Ordinance for Admissions Tax that he & Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor drafted. He explained that he was looking for feedback, questions or input from those that will deal most with the proposed tax. He stated once this document is satisfactory and everyone is pleased with the language then he will work on beginning the Public Hearing process.

Judy Pless, Budget and Finance Director presented the Board a copy of the City of Ellensburg Code that applies to Admissions Tax for them to get some ideas of how apply the tax to different events etc. She questioned if the Special Event Application would be modified to include notice of the proposed tax if it gets adopted.

There was discussion on whether or not golfing would qualify for the proposed Tax and there was further discussion on whether or not to specify where the taxes would be applied. Judy Pless, Budget & Finance Director suggested that the funds go to the General Fund and then can be allocated. She stated that she would not encourage specifying a certain dollar amount to any particular fund. She stated that there will be administrative costs due to the increase in involvement with the Auditor's Office workload. Commissioner Jewell questioned if they should state that the first \$50,000.00 goes to Public Health and everything after that stays in the County General Fund (as an example). There was discussion on how much they taxable amount would be and the determined it would be 5%. Chairman Berndt asked the Board and Staff to review the document further and then he will try to arrange another meeting to allow everyone to give their feedback.

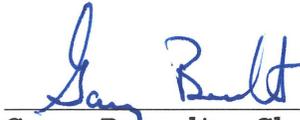
Judy Pless, Budget and Finance Director indicated that her and the Treasurer will discuss areas of responsibility. Commissioner Jewell was tasked with working on Section 14.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

**DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD**

  
Mandy Buchholz

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Gary Berndt, Chairman