

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS AUDITORIUM
SPECIAL MEETING**

THURSDAY

2:30 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 17, 2015

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

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Senator Judy Warnick; Representative Tom Dent; Representative Matt Manweller; Representative Cary Condotta; Thad Duvall, Douglas County Auditor; Jerry Pettit, Kittitas County Auditor; Greg Zempel, Kittitas County Prosecutor; Gene Dana, Kittitas County Sheriff; Carolann Swartz, Grant County Commissioner; Laura Merrill, WSAC; Michele Jaderlund, Grant County Auditor; Jim Mitchell, Grant County; Darryl Pheasant, Grant County Treasurer; Eric Johnson, WSAC Executive Director; Nick Henderson, Kittitas County Prosecutor; Gary Rowe, WSACE Managing Director and Josh Weiss, WSAC Policy and Legislative Relations Director.

SPECIAL MEETING

WSAC/LSC DELEGATION UPDATE

COMMISSIONERS

At 2:30 p.m. Chairman Berndt opened a Special Meeting discuss with the WSAC Regional Legislative Delegation to have advance discussions prior to their partnership meeting on the County Fiscal Sustainability Initiative meeting.

Josh Weiss, WSAC Policy and Legislative Relations Director provided handouts and initiated introductions. He reviewed the Agenda noting that they would discuss County Fiscal Sustainability Initiative and the background of it as well as the County Fiscal Sustainability Initiative - 2016 Legislative Proposals and then open it up for roundtable discussion. He discussed the services that Counties provide for regional and local agencies as well as revenue projections and WSAC's Legislative priorities.

There was discussion and information shared on various issues at the County level. There was discussion on the Marijuana sales tax and the B&O tax distribution. There was discussion on the issues with sales tax structure and the need for it to be revised.

There was a brief review of the PILT Meeting that took place earlier with WDFW at 12:30 p.m.

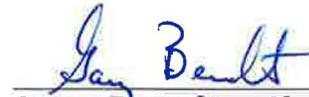
Mr. Weiss thanked everyone for attending and expressed how pleased he was with the turnout and thanked Senator Warnick and Representatives Manweller and Dent for attending.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD


Mandy Buchholz

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Gary Berndt, Chairman