COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM
SPECIAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY **2:00 P.M.** **OCTOBER 28, 2015**

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Robin Read, Public Health Administrator; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor and Peter Dykstra, Plauche & Carr, LLP (via telephone).

SPECIAL MEETING **ASPECT CONSULTANTS** **COMMISSIONERS**

At 2:00 p.m. Chairman Berndt opened a Special Meeting to consider a draft proposal for general permit work from Aspect Consulting.

Commissioner Jewell explained that the County had submitted their Application of a Water Right to the Department of Ecology along with the $50.00 fee to provide groundwater mitigation certificates and permits through its newly established water bank. However, it could be up to a year before the County hears anything back from the Department of Ecology.

He reviewed a draft proposal from Aspect Consultants in the amount of $5,900.00 for only Phase 1 which would include coordinating meetings with the County and Ecology, scoping and the development of a general permit outline. The cost of Phase 2 is unknown at this time but would include the required procedural elements and development of the general permit template. Commissioner Jewell explained how there are many uncertainties because no one else has ever done this before, including the Department of Ecology. Peter Dykstra reported on how they had been working on an addendum to the proposed draft. He said it would be provided to the Board of County Commissioners at a later date.

Commissioner Jewell said they are projecting to receive between 75 and 100 water applications. Robin Read said they have approximately $125,000.00 in excess in their mitigation account to assist with the costs.

Chairman Berndt and Commissioner O'Brien gave Commissioner Jewell direction to put a contract together with Aspect

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Consulting and bring it back at a later date for their consideration. It was noted that the insurance portion of the contract needed to be reviewed by Lisa Young, Human Resource Director/Risk Manager to ensure there is adequate coverage.

Although there was an Executive Session listed on the Agenda, there was no need for one and the Board adjourned the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

Julie Kjorsvik

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Gary Berndt, Chairman