

**KITTITAS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM
SPECIAL MEETING**

MONDAY

11:00 A.M.

NOVEMBER 23, 2015

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

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Matt Fairbanks, Executive Director of the Yakima and Kittitas County Dispute Resolution Center.

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DRC-UPDATE

COMMISSIONERS

At 11:00 a.m. Chairman Berndt opened a Special Meeting to receive an update from Matt Fairbanks, Executive Director of the Yakima & Kittitas County Dispute Resolution Center.

Matt Fairbanks, Executive Director of the Dispute Resolution Center (DRC) explained that it had been a while since he had met with the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners and he wanted to review the services provided through the DRC. He stated that they have been in business since 1994 and explained they provide mediation services; family mediation work; professional services for businesses and organizations; mediation services for seniors; small claims; victim/offender meeting services; foreclosure mediation as well as consumer/business disputes, landlord/tenant disputes, personal loans, auto accidents property disputes and neighborhood disputes. He explained that they have a sliding fee scale that ranges from \$25.00 to \$170.00 per party. He provided a fee schedule as well as a Resolution Washington Bill Draft for 2016 Legislative Session for the Board's review. He reviewed the July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 DRC of Yakima & Kittitas Counties Client Information as well as the family law referrals and family law mediation sessions. Mr. Fairbanks also reviewed a chart showing the DRC filing fee revenues for Kittitas County from 1995 - 2014.

The Board thanked Mr. Fairbanks for taking the time to provide Kittitas County an update.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

2015-11-23 MINUTES

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DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD


Mandy Buchholz

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Chairman Gary Berndt