

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

MONDAY

11:00 A.M.

DECEMBER 7, 2015

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

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Jerry Pettit, Auditor and Andrew James Pruitt, Veterans Advisory Board Member.

SPECIAL MEETING VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD COMMISSIONERS

At 11:00 a.m. Chairman Berndt opened a Special Meeting to meet with Andrew Pruitt, Veterans Advisory Board (VAB) Member to discuss a lease request for the Veterans Coalition (VC).

Andrew Pruitt, Veterans Advisory Board explained that they need approximately \$375.00 a month in order to house the Veterans Affairs Psychologist. He stated that currently the Psychologist is working out of an unpaid space in the Reed building and the VA cannot lease the room but can supply the furniture and psychologist to staff it. He stated that the rent is \$375.00 a month and the request is for a stipend to the the coalition to be raised to \$375.00 a month to cover a space for rent. He stated that the psychologist provides free PTSD counseling to Vets and holds two group meetings weekly for Vets and, their spouses of Vets.

Commissioner Jewell questioned if it would be beneficial for them to relocate the psychologist to a County property for example the Morris Sorenson Building where they would not have to pay rent. He stated it may be beneficial since there are other services that the Veterans could benefit from being provided in the same building and would be a one stop shop. He stated there could be some up-front cost like paint and carpet, but it would be in a secure building where the psychologist could keep the records of patients.

Jerry Pettit, Auditor/Secretary of VAB stated that he and Mr. Pruitt would meet with the VC and set up a time to tour the space. Commissioner Berndt stated he would give Robin Read, Public Health Administrator a heads up on the possible new

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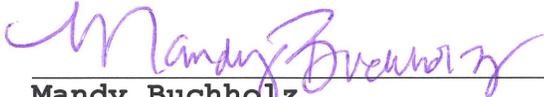
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tenant. Mr. Pruitt and Mr. Pettit both felt this would be a good idea and thanked the Board for the support.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD



Mandy Buchholz

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Chairman Gary Berndt