

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

FRIDAY

10:30 A.M.

DECEMBER 11, 2015

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Andrew Drain, Application Developer/Interim Information Technology Director; Lisa Young, Human Resource Director; Brett Wachsmith, Treasurer; Sarah Keith, Superior Court Administrator; Patti Johnson, Solid Waste Director/Interim Maintenance Director/Project Manager; Diana MacKenzie, Upper District Court Administrator; Christine Luvera, Lower District Court Administrator; Lower District Court Judge James Hurson; Brenda Larsen, Fire Marshal; Clay Myers, Undersheriff; Gene Dana, Sheriff; Angela Bugni, Legal Secretary; Doug D'Hondt, Engineer; Robin Raap, Office Administrator; Val Barschaw, Clerk; Marsha Weyand, Assessor; Cindy Adams, Administrative Assistant; Michael Stafford, Juvenile Court Administrator; Candi Blackford, Administrative Supervisor; Kaitlyn Reddick, Financial Analyst; Pat Gigstead, Chief Probation Officer; Doc Hansen, Planning Official/Interim Planning Director and Nick Henderson, Coroner.

PUBLIC HEARING

2016 BUDGET

COMMISSIONERS

At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN BERNDT** opened a Public Hearing continued from December 7, 2015 to set Property Tax Levy for General Levy (General Fund, Community Services, and Veterans); County Road and County Flood, and to consider adoption of the 2016 Preliminary County Budget.

JUDY PLESS, BUDGET & FINANCE MANAGER reviewed draft Resolutions for the Boards consideration. She said the budget is balanced and the 2016 Annual budget is in the amount of \$91,778,331.00.

THERE BEING NO ONE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

RESOLUTION 2015-168

GENERAL TAX LEVY

AUDITOR

COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-168, Levying Taxes for the General Tax Levy for Municipal Purposes of Kittitas County, Washington for the Year 2016 According to the Assessed Valuation as Determined in the Year 2015. **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

APPROVED
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RESOLUTION 2015-169 LEVYING TAXES - COUNTY ROAD AUDITOR

COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-169, Levying Taxes for the County Road for Municipal Purposes of Kittitas County, Washington for the Year 2016 According to the Assessed Valuation as Determined in the Year 2015. **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION 2015-170 LEVYING TAXES - FLOOD CONTROL ZONE AUDITOR

COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-170, Levying Taxes for the County Flood Control Zone District for Municipal Purposes of Kittitas County, Washington for the Year 2016 According to the Assessed Valuation as Determined in the Year 2016. **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION 2015-171 SUBSTANTIAL NEED - GENERAL FUND AUDITOR

COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-171, Declaring Substantial Need for the County General Fund for Municipal Purposes of Kittitas County, Washington for the Year 2016 According to the Assessed Valuation as Determined in the Year 2015. **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION 2015-172 SUBSTANTIAL NEED - COUNTY ROAD AUDITOR

COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-172, Declaring Substantial Need for the County Road for Municipal Purposes of Kittitas County, Washington for the Year 2016 According to the Assessed Valuation as Determined in the Year 2016. **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION 2015-173 SUBSTANTIAL NEED - FLOOD CONTROL ZONE AUDITOR

COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-173, Declaring Substantial Need for the County Flood Control Zone District for Municipal Purposes of Kittitas County, Washington for the Year 2016 According to the Assessed Valuation as Determined in the Year 2015. **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION 2015-174 2016 BUDGET AUDITOR

COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-174, Resolution Adopting the Budget for the County of Kittitas, Washington, for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2016. **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION 2015-175 LEVY CERTIFICATION - GENERAL FUND AUDITOR

COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-175, Resolution for the Levying Certification for the General Fund for Municipal Purposes of Kittitas County, Washington for the Year 2016 According to the Assessed Valuation as Determined in the Year 2015. **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION 2015-176 LEVY CERTIFICATION - COUNTY ROAD AUDITOR

COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-176, Resolution for the Levying Certification for the County Road for Municipal Purposes of Kittitas County, Washington for the Year 2016 According to the Assessed Valuation as Determined in the Year 2015. **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION 2015-177 LEVY CERTIFICATION - FLOOD CONTROL ZONE AUDITOR

COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-177, Resolution for the Levying Certification for the County Flood Control Zone District for Municipal Purposes of Kittitas County, Washington for the Year 2016 According to the Assessed Valuation as Determined in the Year 2015. **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** seconded.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL thanked everyone for their participation in this year's budget process. He encouraged departments to be fiscally conservative just as they have done in the past. He noted how the budget included a 3% increase for all non-represented employees.

COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN explained that due to being good fiscal stewards over the years Kittitas County has not been struggling as much as most counties within the State.

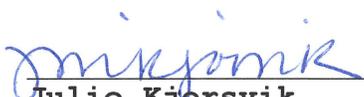
CHAIRMAN BERNDT thanked Judy Pless for all her hard work with the budget process. He said the budget reflected quality of work and is proud to be a part of it.

Motion carried 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**


Julie Kjorsvik


Gary Berndt, Chairman