

**BUDGET RETREAT**  
**June 7, 2007 – 9:00 A.M.**  
**Kittitas County Fairgrounds**

Those Present:	Alan Crankovich	Mandy Robinson	Brenda Barker
	Mark McClain	Jim Goeben	Judy Pless
	David Bowen	Tip Hudson	Jerry Pettit
	Jim Van De Venter	Tom Kelley	Kelly Carlson
	Doug D'Hondt	Allison Kimball	Jan Ollivier
	Lisa Bach	Duke Senter	Tom Swenson
	Patti Johnson	Kirk Eslinger	Kim Dawson
	Cindy Adams	Lisa Young	Sara Burnet
	Bob Gubser	Joyce Julsrud	
	Gene Dana	Ryan Berge	
	Clayton Myers	Kathy Jurgens	
	Steve Panattoni	Deanna Panattoni	
	William Holmes	Cathy Bambrick	
	Linda Childs	Todd Davis	
	Julie Kjorsvik	Christine Luvera	
	Marsha Weyand	Greg Zempel	
	Darryl Piercy	Sande De Salles	
	Terry Powers	Brandon Drexler	
	Lanna Thomas Cruse	Bert Marx	
	Bonnie Corns	Robin Rapp	

Commissioner Alan Crankovich opened the retreat and asked that everyone introduce themselves and also indicated what department they are from.

- 1.) Each department that received funding for new items in 2007 reported on how that has benefited their department and what specifically was funded.
  - Jerry Pettit, Auditor- New Accountant position and the re-model of his department. He also noted that there was new recording software purchased and there would be training available.
  - Darryl Piercy, CDS Director- Two Planners, One Permit Tech and One Plans Examiner. He noted that the increase in revenue has also provided two Deputy Prosecutors.
  - Duke Senter, Computer Services- Two positions Web Developer & Service Tech. He noted they had a remodel/expansion and that the GIS Position was now housed out of his department.
  - Lower District Court/Sheriff- Two Security positions approved, just putting the final details in the job description.
  - Tom Swenson, Maintenance- Indicated that they have 14 projects for the year so far, along with the different department remodels.
  - Greg Zempel, Prosecutor- Two new Deputy Prosecutors
  - Gene Dana, Sheriff- New Deputy should be on the road by July 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Deanna Panattoni, Treasurer- New Cash Tax program, noting that it has been very helpful and that they have worked through the few errors they have had.
  - Sande De Salles, Fair- New poster printer is working extremely well and the addition of new tables, chairs and benches have allowed them to accommodate more events.

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- Brandon Drexler, Public Works- Noted the biggest change was that the Director and Engineer are now split positions. He reviewed new title changes which allowed him to promote from within the department, those being: Road Maintenance Manager, Road Foreman, Planner II, and an additional EQ Operator in Upper County. Kelly Carlson, Airport Manager- reported on the reconstruction of DNR helipad and lighting out at the airport. She also reported on a new Lessee with 15,000. Sq Feet being rented.
  - Patti Johnson, Solid Waste- New building at Ryegrass and she reported on the new MRW building, noting it is currently on hold as it has carried over property issues.
- 2.) Commissioner Bowen gave an update on the County buildings. He indicated that the Morgan Middle School Bond keeps failing so we are currently at a standstill to consider any further options for that building. He reviewed that LCA Architects has been working on drafting preliminary drawings for a potential new Court facility. He reviewed the locations that have been discussed and also explained that an architecture firm by the name of Wardell Architecture is working on a drawing for potential uses of the Courtyard. He noted that the recent weatherization of the Court House has appeared to help with the insulation we currently have. He reviewed the new storefront for the Permit Center and explained that it was approved for weatherization and ADA compliancy. He furthered reviewed the discussions that are being held regarding the Public Works (Lower County) Shop and the remodels needed, noting that they applied for Capital Facilities Funds.

Gene Dana indicated that the 3/10<sup>th</sup> of One Percent Citizens Advisory Group has been extremely supportive, but they have been very adamant there will be no money expended on the Jail because they feel it will fail. He also reviewed that the Rodeo Board has agreed to pay 90% of the new grandstands.

- 3.) Judy Pless and Commissioner Crankovich reviewed Financial Reports and provided handouts so that County staff could follow along and or share with their staff. They reviewed the General Fund Reserves, 2006 Year End Budgets and up and coming training. She also reviewed changes taking place that pertain to the prevailing wage law.
- 4.) Commissioner Bowen reviewed new Legislation that is coming as well as other bills the Board has directed him to keep an eye on.
- 5.) Darryl Piercy gave an update on the Capital Facilities Fund and noted that any and all applications need to be submitted no later than August 17, 2007. He briefly reviewed what that Fund is for and how it works along with the expectations of the Committee when reviewing applications.
- 6.) Requests for 2008 were presented by each Department.

Commissioner Crankovich and HR Director Eslinger indicated that the WCIP rate is going up less than 10%. He said that the current County benefited allowance is \$600.00. Discussion on the County contribution increasing was held.

Discussion over merit pay and how it is being used or potentially abused, discussion over Union and non-union pay and discussion on an option of just giving departments a set allowance for merit pay and when a department has exhausted those funds they are done for the year.

Meeting was adjourned @ 3:25 p.m.

*Mandy Robinson*  
Deputy Clerk of the Board

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Alan Crankovich, Chairman

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