

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

WEDNESDAY

9:00 A.M

AUGUST 20, 2008

Board members present: Chairman Mark McClain; Vice-Chairman Alan Crankovich and Commissioner Linda Huber.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Catherine Dunn, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Judy Pless, Budget & Finance Manager; Jerry Pettit, Auditor; Steve Panattoni, Patrol Sergeant; Lisa Young, Interim Human Resources Director; Deanna Panattoni, Treasurers office Administrative Assistant; Mathew Manweller, Chairman of Republican Party; Marsha Weyand, Assessor; Cindy Adams, Assessor's office Administrative Assistant, Edna Allphin, Personal Property Deputy and Joyce Julsrud, Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY TREASURER COMMISSIONERS

Dr. Mathew Manweller, Chairman of the Kittitas County Republican Party explained that once the vacancy for the Kittitas County Treasurer had been announced, he met with the County Auditor to coordinate all the Party's legal requirements. He said he had advised the media on three separate occasions requesting interested persons in filling the vacancy to submit their information to him. He indicated that on Tuesday August 19, 2008, the Kittitas County Republican Party Central committee met and reviewed three applications from interested individuals. He said there were 16 PCO's present and a private vote was held which resulted in the following preference ranking: Deanna Panattoni, Teri Michael and Sean Turpin. Chairman McClain asked for a presentation by the individuals.

Deanna Panattoni believed that in order to have continued success in the Treasurer's office, continuity is extremely important. She explained that over the last four years she has served as Administrative Assistant in the Treasurer's office and has the support of the staff as well as the Republican Party's.

Teri Michael said she appreciated the opportunity to be considered for the appointment. She explained she has years of accounting experience in school districts as well as being familiar with State funding reporting requirements. She believed she was a qualified

candidate who has both the educational background and leadership experience. Chairman McClain noted that Sean Turpin was not in attendance.

Commissioner Huber said she was familiar with Deanna Panattoni's skills, stating she has always shown professionalism while being employed with Kittitas County. She expressed appreciation to Teri Michaels for stepping forward to be considered for the position, but was inclined to go with past pattern of appointing the number one candidate ranked by the Party.

Commissioner Crankovich also thanked the candidates for stepping forward. He explained that no matter what educational background or skills a person has, elected positions are extremely different than any other position. He believed out of the three candidates, Ms. Panattoni is the most qualified because of her background and time served in the Treasurer's office, but did not want to diminish any of the skills that Ms. Michael's has. Chairman McClain said being an elected official changes a life, claiming they are always under scrutiny and anyone stepping forward to be considered to an elected position is making a big commitment to community and Party.

Commissioner Crankovich moved to follow the recommendation of the Republican Party and appoint Deanna Panattoni to the vacant position of Kittitas County Treasurer. Commissioner Huber seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Crankovich moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 a.m. Commissioner Huber seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Julie Kjorsvik

Mark McClain, Chairman