

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM**

MONDAY

9:00 A.M.

MARCH 09, 2009

Board members present: Chairman Alan Crankovich; Vice-Chairman Paul Jewell; Commissioner Mark McClain.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board.

REGULAR MEETING

OFFICE STAFF MEETING

COMMISSIONERS

At approximately 9:00 a.m. Chairman Crankovich opened the Office Administration Meeting.

CALENDAR

WEEK AT A GLANCE

COMMISSIONERS

The Board of County Commissioners reviewed the weekly calendar.

PAF/VOUCHERS

REVIEW OF PAF'S & VOUCHERS

COMMISSIONERS

The Board of County Commissioners approved and signed County Employee Personnel Action forms.

CORRESPONDENCE LOG

REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE LOG

COMMISSIONERS

The Board of County Commissioners reviewed the weekly Correspondence Log. a listing of all incoming mail and correspondence for the weeks ending February 27, 2009 & March 6, 2009.

TRAINING REQUEST

WATER RIGHTS TRANSFERS

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner McClain brought forward a training request regarding Water Rights Transfers. He indicated his willingness to attend the training. He felt it was topic the County could benefit from. The training will be held on 5/15/09 in Seattle WA. Commissioner Jewell and Commissioner Crankovich indicated that they were not interested in paying for this type of training at this time.

DISCUSSION

HOMELESS COMMITTEE

COMMISSIONERS

Clerk of the Board, Julie Kjorsvik reviewed a request from Nancy Goodloe, a member of the Homelessness & Affordable housing committee requesting to hold their meetings in a private setting without the public. She explained that the committee has been holding meetings

here at the Courthouse and have allowed the public to attend, however they would like to exclude the public from the committee meetings. Julie indicated that we briefly brought up this issue and held discussion on it at the BOCC Office retreat with the County Prosecutor. At that time, he indicated that the Committee would need to leave the meetings open to the public for multiple reasons. The Board directed staff to put a CAMAS request in to the County Prosecutor for legal review.

DISCUSSION

WARDELL BILL

COMMISSIONERS

Clerk of the Board, Julie Kjorsvik reviewed the previous discussions that have been held on the outstanding Wardell Architects bill. She explained that she had put a CAMAS Request in for legal review and the request was assigned to Zera Lowe, Deputy Prosecutor. She indicated that she had received legal review back from Zera stating that Wardell would waive the finance charges if the County paid the bill in full. She suggested that the bill be paid since its been delinquent for a long period of time. There was discussion on the disappointment the Commissioners felt about the type of business and level of service that Wardell provided. Zera indicated that if the County tried to fight it, we will end up losing and paying more in the long run. Commissioner McClain moved to follow the recommendation of the County Prosecutors office. Chairman Crankovich seconded. By way of discussion, Commissioner McClain felt the County should file a complaint with the Better Bussiness Bureau. Chairman Crankovich indicated he was disappointed with the performance of Wardell. He indicated that they were continually late and missed deadlines. He also explained that the project doubled in cost. Commissioner McClain indicated he agreed with Chairman Crankovich's comments. Motion carried 3-0.

LETTER

COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK

COMMISSIONERS

Clerk of the Board, Julie Kjorsvik presented the Board with the annual National County Government Week letter that the Commissioners send out to the elementary schools classrooms grades K-5. She indicated that she was hoping to get the letter out prior to Spring break. She explained that the theme for this year is "Greening Our Future" and questioned if the Commissioners still wanted to do the same prizes they did last year. She said that last year, they did three season's passes to the Kittitas County Fair for each classroom who particiapted. Commissioner McClain moved to approve Board signature on a letter to teachers for all elementary schools grades K-5 to participate in National County Government Week coloring contest theme this year to be "Greening Our Future" and to award the top three in each class a season's pass to the Kittitas County Fair. Commissioner Jewell seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

COUNTY MANAGEMENT TEAM

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Jewell indicated that he felt it would be beneficial to send out another reminder to the County Management Team that there is a mandatory meeting this Wednesday and to prepare for it to be longer than normal. He felt if we sent out another reminder memo from the Chairman, it would be beneficial to staff. He questioned what order the funds would be reviewed in and it was determined the BOCC would go down in order of the fund listings. Chairman Crankovich indicated that he would send out another memo to the Management Team as a reminder of the extended meeting on Wednesday and to ask them to plan accordingly for time management.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:40 a.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Mandy Robinson

Alan Crankovich, Chairman