

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

TUESDAY

4:20 P.M.

OCTOBER 13, 2009

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Cathy Bambrick, Public Health Administrator.

EMERGENCY SPECIAL MEETING

EMERGENCY DECLARATION

PUBLIC HEALTH

At approximately 4:20 p.m. Chairman Crankovich opened an Emergency Special Meeting, as requested by the Public Health Administrator.

Cathy Bambrick, Public Health Administrator, explained there had been a pandemic declared last spring by the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the H1N1 (Swine Flu) virus. She said they have received vaccines and did not have the staffing needed to distribute those and would need the ability to use EMT - IV Techs, EMT - Intermediates and Paramedics to assist in providing the H1N1 vaccine to people in Kittitas County. She said the proposed Declaration of Emergency had been prepared and approved by the Prosecutors office and it would allow them to enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat the emergency to protect the health and safety of the citizens of the County and to provide emergency assistance to the victims of such emergency consistent with the Kittitas County Emergency Management Plan, not to exceed \$10,000.00. She noted that Morgan Middle School has an 18% rate of absenteeism and that they are no longer testing people for the Swine Flu, because they know how contagious it is, and most people who have the symptoms are likely to test positive for it anyways.

RESOLUTION 2009-136

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY - H1N1

PUBLIC HEALTH

Commissioner Jewell moved to approve Resolution No. 2009-136, Declaring an Emergency for the H1N1 (Swine Flu) Pandemic, and authorizing up to \$10,000.00 to assist with emergency assistance, noting the declaration would terminate at midnight on the first Wednesday following the 90th day after the date of the Resolution (October 13, 2009), unless extended by the Board of County Commissioners. Chairman Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

APPROVED
10/20/2009

CLERK OF THE BOARD


Julie Kjorsvik

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Alan Crankovich, Chairman