

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

**MONDAY**

**9:40 A.M.**

**APRIL 18, 2011**

Board members present: Chairman, Paul Jewell; Vice Chairman Alan Crankovich; Commissioner, Obie O'Brien.

Others: Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Brenda Larsen, Fire Marshal.

**REGULAR MEETING**

**DEPARTMENT HEAD**

**FIRE MARSHAL**

Brenda Larsen, Fire Marshal briefed the Board on a fire and life safety inspection done at Anderson Hay and Grain. She indicated that following that inspection she put a hold on any further inspections until she could meet with the Board to express her concerns. She reviewed the types of chemicals used at the local hay plant's and indicated that the WAC is very clear as to what the expectations are and what is allowed in buildings for the hazardous materials. She indicated that they are not allowed more than 10 lbs per building of the hazmat's and they cannot have sprinklers in the building that the hazmat's are located in, as they are reactive to water. She indicated that she had spoke with surrounding Counties to see what they are doing in these situations however, it has only proven that there are not many counties like us, and they don't export hay like Kittitas County does. She indicated that as it is now, all of the local hay companies in Kittitas County are moving towards this particular hazmat. Ms. Larsen indicated that she is working with the County Prosecutors office to fine tune language to put in place to assist in the solution.

Commissioner Crankovich felt that if the companies have adequate storage for the hazmat, then we should probably just let it go.

Ms. Larsen indicated that she would like to add to the inspection form that a mask must be worn when doing the fumigating with the hazmat's because they can be deadly.

Commissioner Jewell indicated that he would like for Ms. Larsen to contact other States and see what they are doing to handle these concerns. He indicated that while we want to be proactive, we don't want to drive out the businesses.

Ms. Larsen also expressed concerns for dust. She indicated that Anderson's is awful about their dust control and they way they handle their dust control, is potentially worse than if they did

nothing at all since the dust is combustible. She explained some potential options in addressing the dust concerns and suggested noting on the inspection list, the potential for dust explosion.

The Board and the Fire Marshal agreed that the hay companies need to either clean up the dust properly, or provide a test that reflects the type of dust they have has passed and is not combustible.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD**



Mandy Robinson

**KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



Paul Jewell, Commissioner