

**KITTITAS COUNTY**  
**Board of County Commissioners**

**AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

**AGENDA DATE:** March 1, 2016

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Deny Claim of Travis Kelly.

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**BACKGROUND:** The claimant, Travis M. Kelly ("Mr. Kelly") claims damages allegedly caused by a temporary unavailability of funds, \$6.29, from his jail telephone account. The amount of \$6.29 was deducted from Mr. Kelly's jail telephone account on February 3, 2016. This amount was added back onto Mr. Kelly's account on February 17, 2016. Mr. Kelly was still able to make telephone calls during this time because he had money in his commissary account he could use to pay for telephone calls. Nonetheless, Mr. Kelly still requests damages of \$1.00 for each day the money was not on his account, plus \$50.00. The results in a total amount claimed of approximately: \$64.00. Kittitas County Claim # 201602160002.

**INTERACTION:** The Corrections Center has a policy requiring inmates to file a grievance if the inmate disagrees with an action taken by Corrections' staff. Mr. Kelly did not file a grievance for this matter. However, had he done so, the same outcome, restoration of \$6.29 to Mr. Kelly's jail telephone account, would have occurred.

Mr. Kelly has failed to provide any evidence or other rational to support his claim of \$64.00. While Mr. Kelly might have been mildly inconvenienced by the temporary unavailability of \$6.29 from his telephone call, there is no basis for payment of damages for mild inconvenience. This is true especially since he had the grievance process available to him.

Information was requested and provided by Commander Hocter, who recommends denial of this claim. The Prosecutor's Office and also recommends denial of this claim.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Deny Kittitas County Claim # 201602160002.

**HANDLING:** Original – Clerk of the Board  
Copy – Auditor  
Copy – Prosecutor

**ATTACHMENTS:** Claim of Travis Kelly

**LEAD STAFF:** Christopher Horner, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney  
Paula Hocter, Corrections Commander