

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

**WEDNESDAY**

**9:30 A.M.**

**MAY 8, 2013**

Board members present: Chairman Obie O'Brien; Vice-Chairman Paul Jewell and Commissioner Gary Berndt.

Others: Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Brenda Larsen, Fire Marshal; Clay Myers, Undersheriff; Gene Dana, Sheriff; Matt Anderson, Facilities Maintenance Director; Jim Goeben, IT Director; William Holmes, Probation Services Director; Greg Zempel, Prosecutor; Paul Sander, Deputy Prosecutor.

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**SPECIAL MEETING**

**SECURITY EVACUATION**

**COMMISSIONERS**

At 9:30 a.m. Chairman O'Brien opened a Special Meeting to discuss with members of the Security Committee ways to prohibit incidents like that of which happened on May 1, 2013 at the Courthouse, when a vehicle was driven up onto the main stairs of the Courthouse. He explained that he felt as though there may be some fairly inexpensive ways to increase the security/safety at the entrances of the Courthouse.

Commissioner Jewell felt that possibly putting some type of pillars at the doors would keep vehicles from ending up on the steps in the future so that citizens wouldn't be in harm's way on the steps.

Clay Myers, Undersheriff explained that a few years ago the US Marshals came and did an evaluation on the building and made recommendations and that the County has acted on a majority of the bigger issues. He explained that the Marshals came in to do their evaluation prior to the County implementing the Security officers and cameras etc. He explained that at that time the Marshals were not overly worried about the doorways to the Courthouse. He stated that if the Board would like to harden up security they need to eliminate the front parking lot entirely otherwise the threat will always be there. Mr. Myers made suggestions for a stout center handrail that would aide with the Board's goal and be most cost effective. The Board directed Matt Anderson to obtain quotes for a handrail.

There was a roundtable discussion on the current concerns of the evacuation process that the County uses and proposed solutions.

Chairman O'Brien expressed his frustrations for the lack of use with the notification system "Net-Notify". He reviewed his understanding of the program and its uses. He questioned why it hasn't been used in the past few evacuations.

The Board directed the Security Committee to review and update the procedures for evacuations and get it out to Management Team and staff as soon as possible.

Clay Myers, Undersheriff explained that the County will be having to put into place new door locks. He was hopeful to find partial funding from Homeland Security.

Chairman O'Brien expressed the urgency and importance of getting the evacuation procedures updated as quickly as possible. Clay Myers indicated that it would be the primary focus at their next Security Committee meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

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Mandy Robinson

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Obie O'Brien, Chairman