COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
SPECIAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 11:00 A.M. DECEMBER 3, 2003

Those in attendance: Chairman Max Golladay and Vice-Chairman Perry Huston. Commissioner Coe was absent.

Others: Shannon Carlson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Dave Taylor, Director of Community Development Services; Paul Bennett, Public Works Director; Judy Pless, Finance Manager; Bob Gubser, Sheriff’s Department; Lana Thomas Cruse, Cooperative Extension Agent; Iris Rominger, Assessor and 1 member of the public.

SPECIAL MEETING ADOPTION OF THE 2004 LEVY TAXES AUDITORS

CHAIRMAN GOLLADAY opened the meeting at 11:00 A.M. to consider a Resolution levying taxes for 2004 and to consider a Resolution adopting the budget for Kittitas County for the fiscal year ending December 31st 2004.

JUDY PLESS, FINANCE MANAGER addressed the changes made to the Resolution. The General Fund amount is $3,420,000.00, Community Services $70,000.00 and Veteran’s Assistance $15,000.00 for a total of $3,505,000.00. The County Road Fund amount is $2,700,000.00 and the County Road Diversion Fund receiving $85,000.00 for a total of $2,785,000.00. These figures reflect the amount according to the assessed valuation as determined in the year 2003. Ms. Pless also explained language was added to reflect the tax levy calculation error resulting in levy amounts exceeding the levy limit percentage.

RESOLUTION 2003-144 ADOPTION OF THE 2004 LEVY TAXES AUDITOR

COMMISSIONER HUSTON moved to approve Resolution No. 2003-144, Levying Taxes for Municipal Purposes of Kittitas County Washington for the Year 2004 According to the Assessed Valuation as Determined in the Year 2003. CHAIRMAN GOLLADAY seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

SPECIAL MEETING ADOPTION OF THE 2004 BUDGET AUDITOR

JUDY PLESS, FINANCE MANAGER addressed the changes made to the Resolution. The new totals reflect adjustments to the tax levy. There were no reductions made to the library fund or Co-operative Extension. There was a reduction in Maintenance staff by one, reduction in a
receptionist in the Board of County Commissioner’s office, an increase in Community Development Services revenue, increase in Prosecutor’s revenue, increase in the drug fund and increase in the Sheriff’s fees and diversion. There was no change made to the Law and Justice 1/10th sales tax and no change in the Parks and Recreation budget. Total Budget for 2004 is $49,244,228.00 with all budgets being balanced.

RESOLUTION 2003-145  ADOPTION OF THE 2004 BUDGET  AUDITOR

COMMISSIONER HUSTON moved to approve Resolution No. 2003-145 Adopting the Budget for the County of Kittitas, Washington for the Fiscal year Ending December 31st, 2004 in the amount of $49,244,228.00. CHAIRMAN GOLLADAY second. CHAIRMAN GOLLADAY included for discussion that the Sheriff’s Department should be appreciative to the departments that cut their budgets and staffing to accommodate balancing the budget.

COMMISSIONER HUSTON added that we was going to Olympia to talk with the legislators because the State turned down the jail contracts that were sent to them.

Motion carried 2-0.

The Special Meeting was adjourned at 11:12 A.M.