Board members present: Chairman Perry Huston, Vice-Chairman David B. Bowen and Commissioner Alan Crankovich.

Others present: Shannon L. Carlson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Kittitas County Auditor candidates: Jerry Pettit, Kim Green and Lori Beador. There were approximately 16 members of the public in attendance.

He noted the Board of County Commissioners had received a letter from Dale Hubbard, Chairman of the Democratic Party, who submitted three names of candidates for the appointment of County Auditor. The names submitted were ranked in order of preference: (1) Jerry Pettit, (2) Kim Green and (3) Lori Beador. He said each candidate would have 5 minutes to present their information to the Board of County Commissioners.

Each one of the three candidates gave a speech, which was followed by individual questions from the Board members.

Chairman Huston said he would support the Democratic Party's recommendations in the order of their preference, while considering the candidate's elect ability. He stressed the importance of public service.

Commissioner Bowen acknowledged that all three candidates were well qualified, and each has a unique history and several strong points.

Commissioner Crankovich commended all three candidates for stepping forward for the vacant position.

MOTION COUNTY AUDITOR COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Bowen moved to appoint Jerry Pettit, as the Kittitas County Auditor, Chairman Huston seconded. Chairman Huston offered an amendment to the motion that the appointment would start February 1st, 2005. Commissioner Bowen second. Motion Carried. Original motion carried to appoint Jerry Pettit as the Auditor.
Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

Shannon L. Carlson

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Perry D. Huston, Chairman