WEDNESDAY 6:00 P.M.  FEBRUARY 22, 2006

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

Others present: Auditor Jerry Pettit; Sue Higginbotham, Administrative Assistant; Megan Calais, Deputy Clerk of the Board; and one member of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING  VOTING OPTIONS  AUDITOR

Public Hearing was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Bowen opened the meeting by stating the purpose of this public hearing was to consider how future elections in Kittitas County should be conducted.

Auditor Jerry Pettit presented a detailed Power Point presentation discussing means of conducting future elections in Kittitas County. He discussed both pros and cons of the three options to consider: Remain a polling place and absentee ballot county; consolidate existing polling places into regional vote centers; and become a vote-by-mail county.

There were no questions presented by the public at the end of the presentation.

Commissioner Perry Huston moved to continue the public hearing to Thursday, February 24, 2006, at 6:00 p.m., at the Commissioners' Auditorium, Room 109, Kittitas County Courthouse, for further consideration of the proposed voting options. Vice-chairman Alan Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman David Bowen moved to adjourn the public hearing at 6:35 p.m. Vice-chairman Alan Crankovich seconded. Motion Carried.