

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

**MONDAY**

**4:00 P.M.**

**JANUARY 26, 2009**

Board members present: Chairman Alan Crankovich; Vice-Chairman Paul Jewell; Commissioner Mark McClain.

Others: Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Judy Pless, Budget and Finance Manager; Kirk Holmes, Public Works Director/Interim CDS Director; Kim Dawson, Admin Assistant III; Steve Panattoni, Patrol Sgt; Clay Myers, Undersheriff; Deanna Panattoni, Treasurer; Gene Dana, Sheriff; Michael Carpenter, Facilities Maintenance Director; Greg Zempel, Prosecutor.

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**JAIL DISCUSSION & OPTIONS**

**COMMISSIONERS**

At approximately 4:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN Alan Crankovich** opened a continued special meeting from January 22, 2009 to review & discuss jail options.

Commissioner McClain requested a cost breakdown on utilities etc. from Michael Carpentar. Michael indicated that he is working on it and had spoken with Rick Hultz today, and getting those numbers will take a few weeks.

There was discussion on reviewing what the remodeled areas would be remodeled to. Undersheriff Myers indicated that with the remodel, a total of 176 new beds would be made available. He explained that they could potentially lease 55 beds to the US Marshalls or other agencies quickly. He explained that he had been in contact with other agencies and they all confirmed a desire to place prisoners with the County.

Commissioner McClain indicated the importance of thinking of the long term inmates versus the shorter-term ones. He explained that this was important because if we start taking in many long-term felons then we are faced with their family re-locating here and the potential of "undesirable" new members of the community.

Commissioner McClain reviewed the costs associated with transporting inmates out to other agencies off the spreadsheets provided. He felt that after reviewing costs if we stop transporting inmates out of town we will have a wash in costs associated with transportation.

Undersheriff Myers stated that as of today we have a commitment from the US Marshalls to fill ten to twenty beds a day, at fifty one dollars a day with the Marshalls paying insurance. He explained that after a year if we still had extra beds they could fill those to.

There was discussion from the last meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January. It was reviewed at that time there were enough funds (per Judy) to pay for the remodel out of the Criminal Justice Tax and the Juvenile/Adult Facility Tax while going out for a five million dollar bond.

Undersheriff Myers indicated that the sally port remodel might be postponed for a bit.

Patrol Sgt Panattoni questioned ear tagging the funds that come in from the new beds being leased to the US Marshalls. He felt they could then put that money away for the sally port.

Judy reviewed the costs associated with the bond.

Commissioner McClain expressed his interest in going out for a ten million dollar bond. He questioned whether we were in a position for a lease to own option with the Umptanum property. He indicated his comfort in starting a purchase and sale agreement and the bond process to fund the five million dollars to be paid out of REET funds and then to move forward with another five million dollar bond out of the 1% sales tax. He indicated that the County might benefit from looking at all Bonding agencies.

Commissioner McClain moved to authorize Commissioner Jewell to enter into negotiations for a lease and/or purchase agreement for the Umptanum property and if necessary, allocate funds for, appraisal to be conducted. Commissioner Jewell Seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS-**

#### **TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION**

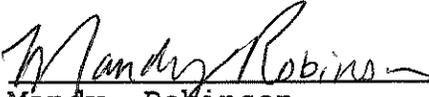
**FRED SLYFIELD**

**SHERIFF**

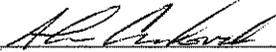
Commissioner McClain moved to approve the Travel Authorization brought forward by Sheriff Dana for Fred Slyfield to attend training from the CEDAP grant for the hand held thermal imaging unit awarded to Kittitas County, (Successful applicant must attend the training before the unit will be given to the County) noting there is no expense to the County for the training only staff salary, indicating that the training will be in Washington DC from 2/8/09 - 2/11/09. Commissioner Jewell seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

  
Mandy Robinson

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Alan Crankovich, Chairman