Board members present: Chairman Alan Crankovich; Vice-Chairman Paul Jewell and Commissioner Mark McClain. Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Jerry Pettit, Auditor; Marsha Weyand, Assessor; Deanna Panattoni, Treasurer; Joyce Julsrud, Clerk; Gene Dana, Sheriff and approximately 22 members of the public.

At 6:00 p.m. the Board of County Commissioners and other Elected Officials held a Town Hall meeting in the Upper Kittitas County Senior Center to field questions from the public on issues surrounding the County.

Ann Anderson served as the moderator for the Town Hall meeting and introduced each Elected Official and duties as outlined in the Revised Code of Washington. She announced the Prosecutor was unavailable to attend the meeting due to a prior commitment, but said he would be happy to answer any questions people may have through the County website.

Questions were asked of the Elected Officials including the importance of archiving records of the Superior Court Clerk’s office; possible relief or exemptions for senior citizens property taxes; status of the correctional facility; compliance issues relating to the Comprehensive Plan as well as how it relates to runway safety zones in the Easton area; and when will the subarea plans be completed. There were a lot of questions and comments on the Department of Ecology’s decision and issuance of a moratorium on wells in the Upper County and the effects it will have. The Board stated their position on the matter and said they were very shocked to hear a moratorium had been placed by the DOE, and that they had worked very hard to negotiate and felt they were very close to coming to an agreement with them. The Board noted they anticipated receiving an answer to the Attorney General’s opinion submitted by the County Prosecutor within the next month.
Ann Anderson thanked everyone for their attendance and announced there would be another Town Hall meeting in September in Ellensburg.

The Town Hall meeting was concluded at 7:15 p.m.

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Julie Kjorsvik

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Alan Crankovich, Chairman