

BUDGET RETREAT
July 23, 2009 – 8:30 A.M.
Kittitas County Fairgrounds

Those Present:	Alan Crankovich	Amber Simon	Mandy Robinson
	Mark McClain	Linda Navarre	Jim Goeben
	Paul Jewell	Tip Hudson	Duke Senter
	Mike Carpenter	Doug D'Hondt	Matt Anderson
	Lisa Bach	Brenda Larsen	Mandy Weed
	Patti Johnson	Joe Whalen	Brenda Barker
	Cindy Adams	Lisa Young	Judy Pless
	Bob Gubser	Joyce Julsrud	Jerry Pettit
	Gene Dana	Sara Keith	Sue Higginbotham
	Clayton Myers	Judy Young	Kathy Jurgens
	Steve Panattoni	Deanna Panattoni	Kelly Carlson
	William Holmes	Kirk Holmes	Cathy Bambrick
	Linda Childs	Todd Davis	Jan Ollivier
	Christine Luvera	Julie Kjorsvik	Robin Read-Ochoa
	Angela Bugni	Marsha Weyand	Greg Zempel

Commissioner Alan Crankovich opened the retreat by announcing the un-official theme "More with Less" along with a review of the year up to this point. He reviewed updates for the year noting the new Sheriff's Building being obtained with no General Fund money, discussion on the Jail Plans, sale of 503 Nanum Street (ADDS) and working on acquiring the armory facility. Staff reductions were reviewed that impacted CDS and Public Health and an update on how they are function as well as the "new norm" and expectations now. He reviewed a letter the County delivered to DOE regarding the moratorium, indicating they were expecting a response back very soon.

There was discussion on re-locating the Upper District Court to Ellensburg and a review of the history on the lease that the Upper Dist. Court holds.

Discussions were held on potential re-districting, along with the potential of having the City deed the County property they acquired and then build a facility for the Upper District Court.

There was a review of inefficiencies in the County Departments, as well as suggested changes.

Commissioner Jewell acted as the scribe for the traditional County "wish-list/brain storming".


Ms. Pless gave a financial report and submitted copies of a Spread Sheet & Power Point presentation.

Commissioner Crankovich & HR Director Whalen reviewed wages and benefits. Commissioner Crankovich indicated that the WCIP rate is going up 15% - 25%. He said that the current County benefited allowance is \$620.00. Discussion on the County contribution of increasing it to \$725.00 was held and Commissioner Crankovich indicated that as of today, he hasn't heard anything from WCIF regarding what they need to consider. Director Whalen reviewed the three Union contracts that are up for negotiation this year and what the potential expense to the County would be.

Discussion over merit pay and how it is being used or potentially abused, discussion over Union and non-union pay and discussion on revamping the evaluation forms and categories.

Roundtable Department reports regarding efficiencies/cost savings measures, and a review of the new compost facility was held.

Meeting was adjourned @ 2:00 p.m.


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Alan Crankovich, Chairman