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

Those Present: Alan Crankovich
Mark McClain
Paul Jewell
Mike Carpenter
Lisa Bach
Patti Johnson
Cindy Adams
Bob Gubser
Gene Dana
Clayton Myers
Steve Panattoni
William Holmes
Linda Childs
Christine Luvera
Angela Bugni

Amber Simon
Linda Navarre
Tip Hudson
Doug D'Hondt
Brenda Larsen
Joe Whalen
Lisa Young
Joyce Julsrud
Sara Keith
Deanna Panattoni
Kirk Holmes
Todd Davis
Julie Kjorsvik
Marsha Weyand

Mandy Robinson
Jim Goeben
Duke Senter
Matt Anderson
Mandy Weed
Brenda Barker
Judy Pless
Jerry Pettit
Sue Higginbotham
Kathy Jurgens
Kelly Carlson
Cathy Bambrick
Jan Ollivier
Robin Read-Ochoa
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 scribner for the traditional County "wish-list/brain storming".

Ms. Pless gave a financial report and submitted copies of a Spreadsheet & 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.

[Signatures]
Deputy Clerk of the Board  Alan Crankovich, Chairman