

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM
SPECIAL MEETING**

TUESDAY

8:30 A.M.

JANUARY 19, 2010

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

Others: Catherine Dunn, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Judy Pless, Budget and Finance Manager; Brent Bottoms, Deputy Prosecutor and Norman Redburg, ADDS.

SPECIAL MEETING

ADDS CONTRACT DISCUSSION

COMMISSIONERS

At 8:30 a.m. **Chairman McClain** opened a special meeting to consider the contract between the County and Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services (ADDS).

Deputy Prosecutor Brent Bottoms asked how ADDS met the matching funds requirement of the State and Federal Funding. **Norman Redburg, ADDS Representative**, explained that they charge the clients a sliding scale fee that provides matching funds and use in-kind services to meet the matching funds requirement. **Mr. Bottoms** asked if there was an accurate accounting for these in-kind services. **Mr. Redburg** said they use an estimated amount using times for services and the salaries of those who provide services. They use the Judge's time, prosecutors and others involved in the Drug Court system, as well as those involved in team meetings.

Deputy Bottoms said that the Drug Court was funded through 10% Criminal Justice funds and then the Drug Court funds through the General Fund. **Mr. Redburg** said there were no Drug Court funds.

Deputy Bottoms asked if the contracts under question didn't obligate ADDS to staff a Drug Court. **Mr. Redburg** said that nothing in the contract says that a Drug Court is needed. **Mr. Bottoms** said that ADDS needed to treat the Drug Court people. **Mr. Redburg** said that the contract said that ADDS would treat anyone who is charged by an attorney. The regular CJTA funds can be used for treating anyone. The CJTA Innovative is provided for programs like the Drug Court.

Chairman McClain said that this was not a challenge to how they have worked before, but to what they will be obligated to and the County will have to match.

Norman Redburg said that they base the matching funds amount on a sliding scale fee they charge, based on income.

Brent Bottoms asked how ADDS can charge clients a fee and then use the fee for the County's match for State and Federal funding. **Mr. Redburg** said it doesn't specify where the money comes from.

Vice-Chairman Jewell said ADDS isn't a County agency, just a contractor. If it was a County agency, the County could use the fees for matching funds. **Mr. Redburg** said that no one has questioned this method in the 17 years he has been working with these contracts. He said that Chelan/Douglas County, Yakima and others of the smaller counties use the same system.

There was a discussion of matching funds.

There was a discussion of the Judge's Memorandum regarding Drug Court. **Judy Pless** said the Resolution for the contract has no end date. **Chairman McClain** said that needed to be fixed, as the Board understood it to be for a year only.

Deputy Prosecutor Bottoms said he would meet with Judy Pless and they will research the BARS Manual and talk with Eric Crawford, who draws up the contracts, to determine whether this method of matching funds will work, and hold another meeting, if necessary.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Catherine Dunn

Mark McClain, Chairman