

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

WEDNESDAY

1:30 PM

OCTOBER 06, 2010

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

Others: Judy Pless, Budget and Finance Manager.

SPECIAL MEETING

BUDGET DISCUSSION

AUDITORS

At 1:30 p.m. **Chairman Mark McClain** opened the special meeting to consider a discussion of the upcoming budget for 2011.

Judy Pless, Budget and Finance Manager, presented the following budget information:

The 2011 Preliminary General Fund Budget currently has expenses of \$ 22,617,786 with supplemental requests in the amount of \$187,351 for a total of \$22,805,137. The revenues are \$20,040,863, which creates a deficit of \$2,576,923 or \$2,764,274, respectively.

Revenues (actual are through September 30, 2010)

She said at the present time she did not include a general beginning fund balance, or a general ending fund balance. That will be discussed in the meeting.

Ms. Pless said the figures do not include any funds for the county road levy shift. The real and personal property taxes do not have the new construction figures included, because it is too early to receive a figure from Marsha Weyand, Assessor.

She said the sales tax is estimated at \$2,600,000 which is the same level as 2010.

She said Payment in Lieu of Taxes BLM, was currently budgeted at \$500,000, and that this amount the County receives is really unpredictable. The 5 year average is \$548,815, so \$48,815 could be added to the revenues. **Ms. Pless** is researching to see if the amount for 2011 has been set, so this figure could be adjusted.

Expenses (actual are through September 30, 2010 with some outstanding A/P)

Ms. Pless said Salaries and Wages are calculated for all employees using the current union contracts, and Non-union and Exempt employees are calculated with a 2% increase.

She said Medical benefits are calculated using a 12% increase over the current rate from \$675.46 to \$757.00. Lisa Young has said the rate for Select 200 medical and the dental and vision rates are \$764.00, so the rate included in the budget is \$7.00 short per employee per month.

Ms. Pless provided a spreadsheet showing what the savings would be to the General Fund if the Board elects to not increase the non-union and exempt employees, for a savings of \$46,501. Also, if the Board elects to leave the medical rates the same at \$676, this would generate a savings of \$172,044.

Ms. Pless said the following Supplemental Requests total \$187,351:

Assessor: Requesting to fill the appraiser position
CDS: Requesting 4 additional personnel in order to remove Public Works assistance;
Lower District Court: Requesting a part time employee for back up;
Upper District Court: Requesting Judge to go from 65% to 77%;
Regional Library: Requesting an increase to the City of Ellensburg.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30.

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Mark McClain, Chairman