COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS AUDITORIUM
SPECIAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 3:30 P.M. MAY 25, 2011

Board members present: Chairman Paul Jewell & Commissioner Obie O'Brien. Excused: Vice-Chairman Alan Crankovich.

Others: Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Stephanie Happold, Deputy Prosecutor; Gene Dana, Sheriff.

SPECIAL MEETING KCSO/PLUM CREEK AGREEMENT COMMISSIONERS

At 3:30 p.m. Chairman Paul Jewell opened a special meeting to consider and give direction on a Draft Cooperative Patrol Agreement between Kittitas County Sheriff’s Office (KCSO) and Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc.

STEPHANIE HAPPOLD, DEPUTY PROSECUTOR explained that this Agreement would only be as a courtesy to Plum Creek. She explained there is no money attached to the Agreement, so there is no concern for breach of Agreement and there is no set amount of time the County has to spend patrolling the area. She indicated that it was to serve as a “security check” only and would allow them authorization to be on the private property. It will also ensure that the County will have keys/code to access the premises. She stressed that this is only giving the KCSO authorization to access the private property and that there is no promise or guarantee of patrol, but rather only when the KCSO has time. She explained that she needed direction today on whether or not the Board or the County Sheriff would sign this Agreement.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL questioned expending public resources for the benefit of a private entity.

It was determined that the Board would sign the Agreement along with the Sheriff. MS. HAPPOLD indicated that once she gets the Agreement back from Plum Creek she will place the Agreement on a future Agenda Session, assuming there are no major changes.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.