

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

THURSDAY

2:30 P.M

JUNE 23, 2011

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

Others: Catherine Dunn, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Judy Pless, Budget and Finance Manager and Deanna Panattoni, Treasurer.

SPECIAL MEETING

FINANCE COMMITTEE

COMMISSIONERS

At 2:30 p.m. **Chairman Jewell** opened the Special Meeting to consider the financial state of the County with the Finance Committee.

REPORTS

Judy Pless, Budget and Finance Manager, gave reports on the 2010 Budget, Sales Tax and Court Receivables. She presented the Fund Balance Actual numbers and explained she would be closing some funds which do not comply with Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 54.

Deanna Panattoni, Treasurer, said foreclosure numbers were at 332 on June 1, which is 60% higher than last year. The number of bankruptcies was 12, which is 51% higher than last year and she had 250 Certificates of Delinquency, while last year it was at 54. She said the interest rates are still low and LGIP wanted the counties to keep their money in local banks. She is moving money from Savings Accounts into Checking Accounts to offset the bank fees. There was a discussion of FDIC.

Ms. Panattoni said she is having trouble with Suncadia as they have so many ownership names and Suncadia doesn't have a list of properties owned and the parcel numbers. Suncadia and Ameri-title say they are unable to provide a list and the Tax Sifter software program seizes up as Suncadia has so many properties. **Commissioner Crankovich** said the County would not be responsible for Suncadia's delinquent taxes. **Commissioner O'Brien** asked if the ultimate responsibility for the tax roll is the County's. **Ms. Panattoni** said the responsibility for payment of taxes is the landowners. She said the Excise Document signed at purchase, places the responsibility on the landowners to know and pay their taxes.

Ms. Pless presented a letter from Habitat for Humanity to the Board requesting that the Board extend the money saved on the current house being built in South Cle Elum onto the next house that Habitat

will apply for Homeless and Affordable Housing funds, to be built in Kittitas. The letter will be placed on the Monday morning Office Administration meeting agenda.

Judy Pless said the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is increasing the mileage rate to \$.55 per mile on July 1, 2011. She will be bringing a Resolution forward.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD


Catherine Dunn

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Paul Jewell, Chairman