

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

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

JULY 31, 2012

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

Others: Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board, Paul Sander, Deputy Prosecutor/Administrator; Lisa Young, HR Director; Judy Pless, Budget and Finance Manager; Robin Rapp, Office Administrator; Greg Zempel, Prosecutor.

SPECIAL MEETING

STAFFING REQUEST

PROSECUTOR

At 2:00 p.m. Chairman Crankovich opened a Special Meeting to consider a request from the County Prosecutor to fill a vacant 3/10th of 1% Deputy Prosecutor position.

Paul Sander, Deputy Prosecutor/Administrator reviewed the Monday July 30, 2012 Department Head meeting discussion for Commissioner O'Brien. He suggested the BoCC consider authorizing the Prosecutor's department to fill the vacant 3/10th of 1% position and allowing them to bring in a Rule #9 Deputy Prosecutor. He explained that they could move their lead Lower District Court Prosecutor to the 3/10th of 1% dedicated funding which would give the General Fund a break and then, bring in a Rule #9 Deputy Prosecutor to be paid out of the General fund at a lower rate. Commissioner O'Brien questioned how this was not considered "sub-planting". Mr. Sander explained why it isn't "sub-planting" and explained how and why they can hire a Rule #9 Deputy Prosecutor.

Commissioner Jewell reviewed his understanding of the "sub-planting" language used in the Ordinance. There was discussion on the interpretation of the Citizens recommendation that was presented to the Board and their proposal of how the 3/10th of 1% funds were to be used if approved by voters. There was further discussion on whether the County runs off of the Citizens recommendation or the ballot measure language.

Paul Sander discussed with the Board the County's responsibility to prosecute for the City of Cle Elum because they don't have code that obligates them to handle certain types of cases, noting we do not receive pay for this service either.

APPROVED

8/21/2012

Chairman Crankovich announced the meeting would need to break at 2:37 to keep other meetings on-time. Chairman Crankovich indicated he didn't anticipate reconvening any later than 3:00 p.m.

Meeting resumed at 2:55 p.m.

Commissioner Crankovich stated that he was in favor of filling the 3/10th of 1% Deputy Prosecutor Attorney (DPA) and bringing in a Rule #9 (DPA). He cautioned staff that at the end of the year they may have to let someone go pending funding. Commissioner O'Brien indicated that he too was in favor of filling the position but only because it was dedicated funding. He stated that if this was funding to impact the General Fund he wouldn't be supportive. Commissioner Jewell stated that he wasn't in support of the request. He indicated that he and (DPA) Paul Sander have had a few lengthy discussions and that he was clear in those discussions why he couldn't support the request.

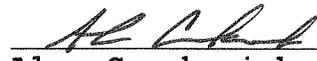
Request approved 2-1. (Commissioner Jewell opposed the motion).

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD


Mandy Robinson

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Alan Crankovich, Chairman