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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Judy Pless, Budget & Finance Manager; Christine Luvera, Lower District Court Administrator; Lisa Young, Human Resource Director; Kirk Holmes, Public Works Director; Kathy Jurgens, Finance System Manager; Mandy Weed, Administrative Assistant; Jerry Pettit, Auditor; Marsha Weyand, Assessor and one member of the public.

At 2:00 p.m. Chairman Crankovich opened the Public Hearing to consider the 2013 County Budget.

JUDY PLESS, BUDGET & FINANCE MANAGER reviewed the history of the proposed budget and indicated that after advertising the budget, there had been changes to the General Fund, Community Services and Flood Control, due to updated amounts in the property tax from the County Assessor. She also noted that Misdemeanant Probation had a data input error which has been corrected. She indicated the total budget for 2013 in the amount of $79,111,418.00.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: CATHERINE CLERF felt the County was not making any money from the composting and they should get out of the business. She commented on the macroeconomics within Kittitas County. THERE BEING NO OTHERS REQUESTING TO TESTIFY THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to continue the public hearing to Tuesday December 4, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium, Room 109, Kittitas County Courthouse, to consider enabling documents. COMMISSIONER O’BRIEN seconded.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL congratulated everyone who participated in the budget process. He noted the proposed budget does not include a levy shift from the Road Fund and felt the County had met their goal and had only used it on a temporary basis. He

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said the proposed budget included some shifting of priorities to the Public Health Department, as they have really felt significant budget impacts over the past couple of years. 

COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN felt the departments came forward with their own budgets based on their actual needs. CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH felt the credit goes to the Department Heads and Elected Officials. He thought this past year's budget process had gone the smoothest in the past 4 years.

Motion carried 3-0.

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