Board members present: Chairman Obie O’Brien; Vice-Chairman Paul Jewell & Commissioner Gary Berndt.

Others: Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Lori Brown, Director, SE WA Aging and Long Term Care; Penny Black, C.E. Reed & Associates.

SPECIAL MEETING

AGING & LONG TERM CARE

COMMISSIONERS

At 11:30 a.m. Chairman O’Brien opened a Special Meeting to meet with Penny Black, C.E. Reed and Associates and Lori Brown, Director SE WA Aging and Long Term Care to discuss & explore a future Interlocal Agreement with the Aging and Long Term Care (ALTC) Advisory Board.

Lori Brown, Director SE WA Aging & Long Term Care reviewed the services they provide and what they are responsible for. She reviewed what services would be impacted if the DRAFT Interlocal Agreement being presented does not get accepted. She reviewed the impacts of the affordable care act that will be coming into play in 2018.

Ms. Brown provided the Board copies of the Southeast Washington Council of Governments on Aging and Long Term Care DRAFT 4 Interlocal Agreement and a DRAFT Southeast Washington Aging and Long Term Care Council of Governments Bylaws. She provided an overview of the meetings she has held with Asotin, Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Walla Walla, Yakima and Garfield County’s and explained what their initial responses were to the proposal as well as where those Counties are now with the Interlocal Agreement. She outlined the in-house services currently being provided by Yakima County and the contact services. She noted that Yakima County provides their payroll processing and they are federally funded.

Commissioner Jewell questioned what the service benefits as well as the costs would be to join. Commissioner O’Brien questioned what was broke which is causing these changes to be considered.

Penny Black, C.E. Reed & Associates explained that there would be four meetings a year and it would work similar to the RSN and most likely coincide with those meetings. She reviewed the pro’s and con’s of the proposal.
Commissioner Berndt questioned what the annual budget is. Ms. Black indicated that it is approximately $14 million.

Commissioner Jewell questioned what Counties are on board with the Interlocal and who is not. Ms. Black indicated that all the Counties they work with (Asotin, Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Walla Walla, Yakima and Garfield County) are on board however initially Benton County was reluctant. She explained that they added a clause in the agreement and then they were happy with it. Ms. Black asked the Board if they would review the agreements and send any feedback to them to make changes. Commissioner O'Brien indicated that the County has to have legal review and once that's complete they will report back their comments. Ms. Black provided a timeline/deadline to complete the process, and reviewed the implication if Kittitas County decided not to participate.

The meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

Mandy Robinson

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Obie O'Brien, Chairman