COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM
REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY   9:50 P.M   AUGUST 12, 2013

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

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Greg Zempel,
Prosecutor; Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board.

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Greg Zempel, Prosecutor explained that he was back to further
discuss with the Board the Victim Witness Fund shortage and the
Deputy Prosecutor for the Civil Division, at the Boards direction
from the Monday August 5, 2013 Department Head Meeting.

Commissioner Jewell reviewed the Board's policy for filling Grant
funded positions and how when it runs out the position goes away. He
stressed the importance of the Board remaining consistent with this
as they continue to receive requests from other Departments and
Elected Officials that have been understaffed much longer than the
Prosecutors Office. Commissioner Berndt questioned what happens to
the work that gets dropped if the position goes away. Commissioner
Jewell questioned if there was a way to add a fee to pay for the
position. Mr. Zempel explained that the problem is the clients they
are trying to collect from are not paying as it is and if they do
pay, it's extremely minimal.

Commissioner Berndt suggested the possibility of filling the one
Deputy Prosecutor, and with those savings it should cover or be
close to covering the funds needed to get through the rest of this
year and then plan to discuss the position and funding during the
2014 budget cycle. Commissioner Jewell indicated that he would
support that direction and authorize the Prosecutor to move the
savings into the Victim Witness Fund. Chairman O'Brien also agreed
that he was comfortable with the proposal.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD   KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Mandy Buchholz   *Obie O'Brien*

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Mandy Buchholz   Obie O'Brien, Chairman