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

TUESDAY 10:00 AM OCTOBER 14, 2014

Board members present: Paul Jewell, Gary Berndt, Obie O'Brien

Others: Lisa Young, Jerry Pettit, Tipton Hudson

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1) Call to Order - 10:05 AM

2) Charitable Giving - Director Young and Auditor Pettit provided information to the Board regarding the Combined Fund Drive, which is a state program for charitable giving. They expressed a desire to offer this to employees as a way to provide donations through payroll deduction while having the ability to select from a very long list of charitable organizations, including United Way of Central WA. As a United Way of Central WA board member, Auditor Pettit indicated their support for this move as employees could still choose to support their organization. The Board approved offering the Combined Fund Drive; Director Young will work with CFD staff and Budget and Finance Director Pless to make it happen.

3) Other Business (taken out of order so Extension Agent Hudson could present his topic) - WSU Extension Agent Hudson notified the Board that he would like to reintroduce the Master Gardener Coordinator position as part of his 2015 budget. This position was removed several years back due to funding cuts. The Master Gardener program has continued to operate with volunteers but he feels the program could greatly benefit from a part-time paid coordinator. The Board encouraged him to include it in his budget for consideration.

4) Executive Session - Union Matters - The Board entered executive session at 10:37 AM to discuss collective bargaining strategies (RCW reference below). Anticipated length: 20-minutes; anticipate action: Direction to staff. The Board exited executive session at 10:57 AM with direction to staff to proceed as discussed.

RCW 42.30.140 (4)(a) Collective bargaining sessions with employee organizations, including contract negotiations, grievance meetings, and discussions relating to the interpretation or application of a labor agreement; or (b) that

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portion of a meeting during which the governing body is planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress.

5) Adjourn - 10:57 AM

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Lisa Young
Chairman