

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

MONDAY

11:00 A.M.

SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

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

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Kathy Jurgens, Finance System Manager; Mark Cook, Public Works Director & Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor.

SPECIAL MEETING

WATER DIST. #6 LEASE

COMMISSIONERS

At 11:00 a.m. Chairman Berndt opened a Special Meeting to discuss with County Staff the Water District #6 Lease.

Commissioner Jewell discussed with the Board the Lease Agreement discussions that have taken place. He stated that himself and County Staff have been negotiating for quite a while and have come up with a solution that he feels Water District #6 and the County can agree to. He stated that Water Dist. #6 is already on Board with the proposal and explained that the previous Lease Agreement expired 3 years ago and that a Short Plat or Boundary Line Adjustment needs to be done since it's on County property however it's been put off due to the Sheriff's Office construction project. He stated that the proposal is to Deed (Fee Simple Determinable Deed) the property to Water Dist. #6 with the condition of them providing free services to the County bathroom. He explained that the Water Dist. #6 is struggling financially and this seemed to be something they were comfortable with as was the County Staff involved. He stated that it would be a savings of approximately \$5,000.00 a year for the County.

There was discussion of whether or not this was a "safe" agreement and what would happen if the Water Dist. #6 was to "fold" and be unable to continue services.

The Board directed Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor to draft the Fee Simple Determinable Deed and place it on a future Agenda for the Board to take action on. The Board asked that Mr. Caulkins be sure to include a signature line for Water Dist. #6 to sign. The Board directed Kathy Jurgens, Finance System Manager to notify Water Dist. #6.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

KITITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Mandy Buchholz


Gary Berndt, Chairman