

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM
SPECIAL MEETING**

WEDNESDAY

1:00 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Mark Cook, Public Works Director; Patti Johnson, Solid Waste Director/Interim Maintenance Director/Project Manager; Christine Luvera, Lower District Court Administrator; James Hurson, Lower District Court Judge; Peter Rasmussen, Founding Principal of ART; Ken Triebelhorn, AIA Principal of ART and Rhonda Gillogy, AIA Principal of ART.

SPECIAL MEETING COURTHOUSE MASTER PLANNING COMMISSIONERS

At 1:00 p.m. Chairman Berndt opened a Special Meeting to discuss a feasibility study of a new Courthouse with representatives from Architects Rasmussen Triebelhorn (ART).

The representatives from ART reviewed information relating to possible phases of a Kittitas County Courthouse Master Planning & Predesign proposal and how those could be broken out. They reviewed a draft survey that would be sent out to Elected Officials & Department Heads asking them to assess their current and projected staffing levels, as well as current and projected space needs for the next twenty (20) years. Patti said she could provide the survey to the Management Team. Commissioner Berndt hoped everyone would participate in the process and to really take a look at their "needs" versus "wants". He said he would like them to review interdepartmental relationships along with all of the jobs they do in order to determine what offices need to be located by each other in a new facility. Christine Luvera said the Courts need additional space (up to 4 Courtrooms), and wanted to be sure the safety and security for everyone are considered. Commissioner Jewell said he would like to see everyone come together from all of the satellite offices into one location and eventually eliminate the current Courthouse facility. He felt there are many other ways to utilize the space the Courthouse currently sits on.

Representatives from ART said they would like a list from the County of where all departments are located and any

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plans/layouts of the current facilities that are available. They indicated that they would take in all of the information and draft a mission statement for the County Commissioners review.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD



Julie Kjorsvik

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Gary Berndt, Chairman