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

MONDAY 9:00 A.M. DECEMBER 14, 2015

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board and Greg Zempel, Prosecutor.

REGULAR MEETING OFFICE STAFF MEETING COMMISSIONERS

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Berndt opened the Office Administration meeting.

CALENDAR WEEK AT A GLANCE COMMISSIONERS

The Board of County Commissioners reviewed their weekly calendar.

PAF/VOUCHERS REVIEW OF PAF’S & VOUCHERS COMMISSIONERS

The Board of County Commissioners approved and signed County Employee Personnel Action forms and vouchers.

CORRESPONDENCE LOG REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE LOG COMMISSIONERS

The Board of County Commissioners reviewed the weekly Correspondence Log, a listing of all incoming mail and correspondence for the week ending December 11, 2015.

UPDATE BOCC/ DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS COMMISSIONERS

Each Commissioner was assigned three different Department Heads to meet with on a weekly basis. This was determined at a Special Meeting with the Board of County Commissioners held on June 18, 2009. Each Commissioner reviewed discussions held with their respective departments and exchanged details of those meetings. On January 3, 2011 the Board determined it would be beneficial to alternate Commissioners that will oversee the different Department Head’s on an annual basis. They determined at the end of 2013 they would review the various committees they participate in and provide beneficial updates to the Board as needed during this time as well.

LETTER LISA YOUNG – LETTER OF COMMENDATION COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Jewell moved to approve a letter of commendation for Lisa Young, Human Resource Director. Chairman Berndt seconded.

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Motion carried 2-0.

LETTER

TERESA SLOAN - AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Jewell moved to approve a letter of appreciation to Teresa Sloan for her service on the Kittitas County Airport Advisory Board. Chairman Berndt seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

DISCUSSION

ISLAND COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE PROSECUTOR

Prosecutor Greg Zempel provided an update on correspondence received from Island County regarding State ex rel. Banks v. Susan Drummond, et al., Island County Superior Court and RCW 36.32.200 Employment of Special Attorneys. Mr. Zempel said the Island County Prosecutors office is looking for a factual statement from other counties within the State outlining information such as how often have they have utilized the statute. He asked if he should draft one for consideration to be signed by his office and the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Jewell explained that although he appreciated the relationship with the Prosecutors office he did not believe the County should get involved, as it seems to be more of a political issue. Chairman Berndt agreed and therefore there was no action taken by the Board.

RESOLUTION 2015-178

INTERLOCAL - DEPT. OF ECOLOGY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Jewell moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-178, Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement between the State of Washington, Department of Ecology and Kittitas County to Purchase Metering Equipment and Water Rights. Chairman Berndt seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

DEPT. OF ECOLOGY COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Berndt moved to authorize Commissioner Jewell to sign the Interlocal Agreement between the Department of Ecology and Kittitas County to Purchase Metering Equipment and Water Rights. Commissioner Jewell seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

OTHER BUSINESS-N/A

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.