

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONER'S AUDITORIUM
SPECIAL MEETING**

TUESDAY

9:00 A.M.

OCTOBER 25, 2016

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

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Robin Read, Public Health Administrator; Joann Schaan, Developmental Disabilities Coordinator; Bruce Tabb, Elmview; Carole Miller Rhodes, Program Director at EnTrust; Daniel Ortega, Trellis; Sherie Bury, Elmview; Lisa Young, HR Director; Von Ellison, Central Washington Disability Resources; Kerry McMurray and Kim Davis with Bright Beginnings of Kittitas County; John Ufkes, DD Board & members of the public.

SPECIAL MEETING

DD UPDATE

COMMISSIONERS

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman O'Brien opened a Special Meeting to receive an update regarding Kittitas County DD Services.

Kim Davis, Executive Director at Bright Beginnings for Kittitas County (BBFKC) provided the 2015 Annual Report for BBFKC which gave an overview of the services and programs they provide. She highlighted their success rates for children that have "graduated" from needing the services they provide.

Daniel Ortega, Program Coordinator for Trellis Center provided a brochure that explained what Trellis Center is and the services provided as well as their mission. He stated that most the funding for the program is done by fundraising and donations.

The Board asked questions regarding the services provided and success stories.

John Ufkes, DD Board member wanted the BoCC to know that the new DD Coordinator has done a great job recruiting new applicants. He also requested the BoCC consider his reappointment to the Kittitas County Developmental Disabilities Board. Commissioner Jewell thanked Mr. Ufkes for his desire to remain on the DD Board, but asked that he submit in writing his request for reappointment.

Joann Schaan, Developmental Disabilities Coordinator presented the Kittitas County Development Disabilities Program Update. She explained she would be happy to answer any questions the Board may have, but due to time running out and additional topics to discuss she would like to share that the County has hired a part-time

clerical aid that will have her aid from Elmview assisting in the job training initially at the County. There was discussion on when additional employees would be brought on. Lisa Young, HR Director explained that due to the other two departments the Board is looking at for hiring part-time employees with disabilities they are offices with Union positions as well and they have vacancies so they may run into some pushback from the Union. She encouraged Public Health to consider hiring since they are not faced with the Union issue.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD


Mandy Buchholz

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Obie O'Brien, Chairman