COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS' AUDITORIUM
SPECIAL MEETING

THURSDAY 10:00 AM NOVEMBER 10, 2016

Board members present: Paul Jewell, Vice Chairman; Laura Osiadacz, Commissioner; Obie O’Brien Absent

Others: Greg Zempel, Prosecutor; Angela Bugni, Legal Secretary III; Pat Gigstead, Chief Probation Officer; Nick Henderson, Coroner; Michael Stafford, Juvenile Court Administrator; Kari Elkins, Juvenile Court Administrator Assistant; Kay Kresge, Fiscal Analyst, Judy Pless, Budget and Finance Manager

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2017 Preliminary Departmental Budget Discussions
Prosecutor, Misdemeanant Probation, Coroner, Juvenile

Prosecutor
Greg Zempel and Angela Bugni presented their 2017 preliminary departmental budget. The following items were discussed: Personnel - discussion of an IT person (joint position with the courts and the transition to paperless), the receptionist position. Commissioner Osiadacz asked if IT could assist with this. Request to adjust wage for a deputy prosecutor, the funding of BARS dues ($4200 per year for all attorneys); software upgrade total $97,000. The Chief deputy prosecutor has been elected to Superior Court Judge (salaries need to be looked at); lease buy-out; cut special prosecutors line item, Greg Zempel advised there will still be a special attorney so that line item stays.

Misdemeanant Probation
Pat Gigstead presented the 2017 preliminary departmental budget. The following items were discussed: Revenues are starting to look better, the Ford Taurus has some electrical issues, inter-fund rent contribution from the General Fund, adjusting fund balance.
Coroner
Nick Henderson presented his 2017 preliminary departmental budget. State revenues were discussed; $9,000 for a copier is included in the budget, current leasing is $180 per month and a new machine would be $197 per month. The Coroner’s cell phone was also discussed.

Juvenile
Michael Stafford and Kari Elkins presented their 2017 preliminary departmental budget. Case load is still low, Juvenile staff has three cell phones; populations at $50,000 are to build and staff a detention facility. BOCC working on changing the law and Mike Stafford was asked if his association was working on it as well (to modernize the statute).