

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES  
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM  
REGULAR MEETING**

**MONDAY**

**9:50 A.M.**

**DECEMBER 5, 2016**

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

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Patti Johnson, Solid Waste/Maintenance Director/Project Manager.

**REGULAR MEETING**

**DEPARTMENT HEAD**

**MAINTENANCE**

Patti Johnson, Solid Waste/Maintenance Director/Project Manager explained that there are a lot of complaints regarding the heating and ventilation over at in the Lower Dist. Court wing of the Courthouse. They are requesting consideration for a system similar to what the Auditor's Office and HR already have. She stated that she had her Staff begin getting numbers for what the cost would be, but that was on Friday and as of yet she hadn't heard anything back.

Commissioner Jewell questioned where the money would come from. Ms. Johnson explained that she has approximately \$9,000.00 savings from unfilled positions in 2016.

Commissioner Osiadacz was in favor of the project if it would make the employees more comfortable. She felt if the project would cost more than \$5,000.00 then further discussion would need to take place. She felt that although the County wants to build a new Courthouse, more than likely the best case scenario is approximately 5 years out for that. So this would create some relief in the interim.

Chairman O'Brien questioned whether or not the additional power consumption by adding an additional unit would void the work that Amersco did when they came and did the County energy efficiency project. He stressed that if that would void their responsibility he would not support the request. However if there wasn't an issue then he felt he could support the project up to a certain amount whether is be \$5,000.00 or something else. He questioned how Lower Dist. Court's need is different than the Morris Sorenson Building and there heating/ventilation issues. Ms. Johnson explained that the problem with the Morris Sorenson Building is that when they cut into the walls it creates an asbestos issue, where the Lower Dist. Court it is concrete walls.

Commissioner Jewell explained that he could not support the request. He felt it was not a good use of public tax dollars.

The Board directed Ms. Johnson to come back with real numbers and follow up to what she can find out about Amersco and the potential impacts, if the work was performed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD**

  
Mandy Buchholz

**KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

  
Obie O'Brien, Chairman