

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS AUDITORIUM
SPECIAL MEETING**

FRIDAY

2:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 9, 2016

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

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Senator Judy Warnick; Representative Matt Manweller; Thad Duvall, Douglas County Auditor; Jerry Pettit, Kittitas County Auditor; Greg Zempel, Kittitas County Prosecutor; Cindy Carter, Grant County Commissioner; Brett Wachsmith, Kittitas County Treasurer; Nick Henderson, Kittitas County Coroner; Marsha Weyand, Assessor; Scott Hutsell, Lincoln Co. Commissioner; Richard Stevens, Grant County; Rob Coffman, Lincoln County; Scott Blonien, WACO and Josh Weiss, WSAC Policy and Legislative Relations Director.

SPECIAL MEETING WSAC/LSC DELEGATION UPDATE COMMISSIONERS

At 2:00 p.m. Chairman O'Brien opened a Special Meeting to discuss with the WSAC & LSC Regional Legislative Delegation and receive updates.

Josh Weiss, WSAC Policy and Legislative Relations Director provided handouts and initiated introductions. He reviewed the 2017 Legislative Priorities and the background as well as their proposal: 1. Limit Property Tax Revenue Growth to Inflation and Population. 2. Update the Public Records Act. 3. Provide Adequate Funding for Indigent Defense Services. He explained that due to lack of progress in prior years they have narrowed down their agenda considerably in hopes of making progress. He discussed the services that Counties provide for regional and local agencies as well as revenue projections and WSAC's Legislative priorities. He stated that the priorities are consistent with the County Fiscal Sustainability Initiative and the central them for these meeting has been the fiscal challenges counties are facing.

There was discussion and information shared on various issues at the County level. There were frustrations expressed to Senator Warnick, and Representative Manweller about the fiscal condition of the Counties present as well as reductions and efficiencies the Counties have made. There was discussion on the challenges

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the Counties present are facing in balancing their budgets to deliver the services required by the Constitution and Statues.

Mr. Weiss thanked everyone for attending and expressed how pleased he was with the turnout and thanked Senator Warnick and Representative Manweller for attending.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD


Mandy Buchholz

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Obie O'Brien, Chairman