

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

TUESDAY

11:00 A.M.

OCTOBER 11, 2016

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Angela San Fillipo, City of Ellensburg; Kevin Ramsey, BERK Consulting Project Manager; Lisa Grueter, BERK Consulting Project Director; Doc Hansen, Planning Official; Jerry Pettit, Auditor; Anna Nelson, Van Ness Feldman, LLP; and 1 member of the public.

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At 11:00 a.m. Chairman O'Brien opened a Special Meeting to receive an update from BERK Consulting on population allocation for Kittitas County.

Kevin Ramsey, Project Manager and Lisa Grueter, Project Director for BERK Consulting, provided a power-point with information relating to the Kittitas County 20-Year Comprehensive Plan Update including growth projections, allocation, and land capacity analysis. At the conclusion of the report they indicated the next step was to finalize land capacity analysis after County and local jurisdiction review; select countywide growth projections including population and employments, as well as selecting allocations to study areas.

Commissioner Jewell questioned why the Conference of Government (COG) was going with a 2% increase. He said if the County is challenged under the Growth Management Act, they have to defend it and would be required to show their work. There has been a good analysis conducted and the number they have provided is 1.89%.

Chairman O'Brien explained the reasons the COG was going with 2% was because they anticipated a larger growth due to people coming from the King County area, I-90 expansion, etc. He noted the OFM would be providing new numbers in 2017 and they anticipate an increase.

Jerry Pettit, Auditor said the COG has taken a reasonable approach. He said they have used the highest in the past and

haven't been wrong. Once they get to the point of the assumptions they're making, they will come back with a written justifications as to why the number was determined. There was a roundtable discussion on trends and factors that could possibly result in impacts.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD



Julie Kjorsvik

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Obie O'Brien, Chairman