

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
AGENDA SESSION
REGULAR MEETING**

TUESDAY

10:00 A.M.

JULY 5, 2016

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Judy Pless, Budget & Finance Manager; Jerry Pettit, Auditor; Nick Henderson, Coroner; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor; Angela San Filippo, Staff Planner; Jacob Schroeder, Legal Secretary; Ron Graham, Deputy Coroner; Bob Seelye, Deputy Coroner; a Spanish Translator and approximately 25 members of the public.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman O'Brien called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman O'Brien led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COUNTY EMPLOYEES

Kasey Knutson, Health Promotion Supervisor, introduced Joann Schaan as their new DD Program Coordinator.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

Mike Meyers, Regional Director of SiteLife presented a Shining Star Award to Nick Henderson, Kittitas County Coroner, for his outstanding support of the Cornea Donor program.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Jewell moved to approve the Agenda, as presented. Commissioner Osiadacz seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman O'Brien announced the Board would review each Consent Agenda

item due to there not being an Agenda Study Session on the July 4, 2016 holiday.

Commissioner Jewell moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Osiadacz seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES

DATE	MINUTES
03/07/2016	Lodging Tax Agreements
03/30/2016	McDonald Admin. Decision Remand/BOE
05/02/2016	Homeless & Affordable Housing Committee
05/24/2016	Homeless & Affordable Housing Committee
05/14/2016	Solid Waste Study Session
06/14/2016	Countywide Planning Policies
06/20/2016	Office Admin. Meeting
06/20/2016	Department Head Meeting - Public Health
06/20/2016	Department Head Meeting - Event Center
06/20/2016	Agenda Study Session
06/21/2016	Agenda Session
06/21/2016	Public Hearings
06/21/2016	Circle the City Trail
06/22/2016	Fire Code Services
06/22/2016	SMARTGov
06/23/2016	Event Center
06/23/2016	Executive Session

RESOLUTION 2016-086 FAIR REVOLVING FUND/PETTY CASH ACCOUNTS AUDITOR

Approve Resolution No. 2016-086, Establishing Kittitas County Fair Revolving Fund/Petty Cash Accounts, in the amount of \$25,000.00 to be remitted to the County Auditor before November 4, 2016.

RESOLUTION 2016-087 SETTING 2017 BUDGET HEARINGS AUDITOR

Approve Resolution No. 2016-087, In the Matter of Setting Dates for the 2017 Budget Hearings in Kittitas County, to be held on December 5, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium, Room 109, Kittitas County Courthouse 205 West 5th Avenue Ellensburg, WA and to authorize the Clerk to publish said notice.

CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS - NONE

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

River Melos expressed concerns with spending tax payer dollars on the Shady Acres property to evict people in the community. She felt there was no financial benefit to the Upper County and urged the Board to spend the money on something else.

Mark Auslander asked the Board to think about the civil rights issues that have been raised. He thought breaking up the community would undercut the concentration of a minority population and exposure could be expensive to the County if there as litigation.

Susi Weis explained she didn't have a problem with the Barton's selling their property, but as a tax paying citizen she has no interest in evicting families or purchasing it for the Event Center Master Plan. She thought the County should invest in the Upper County and noted how the Horse Park is a viable facility and easier to access than the Event Center.

Janice Jump said she was concerned for the Barton's and how a private citizen should be able to sell their property to whoever they'd like. She urged the Board to think about the Barton's health and move forward with the purchase of the property.

Susan Waddell said she served on the Habitat for Humanity Board and there are issues relating to affordable housing in every community. She supported a democratic solution that honors the resident and supports retention of the mobile home park. She hoped the County comes up with a good solution for everyone involved.

Rodrigo De La Rosa said he was representing families of Shady Acres. He said they hope at each meeting to find an answer to lessen the stress on their community. He felt viable solutions have been offered to the families as they are a united community and they struggle day by day. The residents of their community hopes the County will think of their welfare.

Nan Doolittle said she supported the families of Shady Acres. She explained how she has vast experience dealing with diverse families and they are distraught and upset over the situation. She said as a long time nurse she is fully aware of the consequences that stress can cause on older adults and would support the Barton's selling the property, but hoped somebody else would purchase it with the current residents in mind.

Ellen Schuttschneider asked questions relating to how the purchase would be financed by the County.

Commissioner Osiadacz wanted to clear up any misunderstandings and how she is deeply concerned for the residents of Shady Acres, as well as the Barton's. She indicated she has spent countless hours and nights trying to come up with different solutions to work together and come up with some sort of resolution.

Commissioner Jewell clarified the financial aspect of the purchase. He explained he has arranged to hold a meeting to personally meet with residents of Shady Acres next Monday (July 11) and Thursday (July 14). There will be a translator available. He hoped it would provide the residents with an opportunity to express concerns or ask questions that they may feel uncomfortable discussing in front of others. He said no one other than the residents (including the press) would be allowed to attend the meetings. He welcomed all residents to the meetings and noted they would be very casual and would not be a public meeting of the County Commissioners.

Chairman O'Brien offered to meet individually with anyone who would like to speak to him as well. He explained he went on a trip to the west side and heard about the real costs associated with someone taking over a mobile home park or if the County were to rehab it. The costs were a lot more than he even anticipated. He said there will be alternatives provided for the residents before anything were to happen and it would be quite a ways down the road from now.

BOARD DISCUSSION/DECISION ITEMS

ORDINANCE 2016-013 COUNTYWIDE PLANNING POLICIES CDS

Commissioner Jewell moved to approve Ordinance No. 2016-013, Revising Kittitas Countywide Planning Policies based on current conditions throughout the County and cities as well as for consistency with Washington State Growth Management Act's 14 required planning goals. Commissioner Osiadacz seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

MISCELLANEOUS - NONE

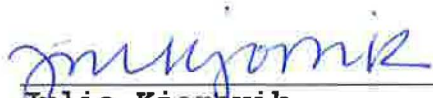
EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Jewell moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:09 a.m. Commissioner Osiadacz seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD



Julie Kjorsvik

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Obie O'Brien, Chairman