

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
SPECIAL MEETING**

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

JULY 17, 2018

Board members present: Chairman Laura Osiadacz and Vice-Chairman Obie O'Brien. Excused: Commissioner Cory Wright.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Erin Moore, WRP Coordinator; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor; Robin Read, Public Health Administrator; Amy Cziske, Fiscal Tech. II; Peter Dykstra, Special Appointed Deputy Prosecutor; Bill Clarke, Special Appointed Deputy Prosecutor; Lisa Murray, Administrative Assistant; Jerry Pettit, Auditor; Chris Horner, Deputy Prosecutor; and 7 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING

RESALE OF TAX TITLE PROPERTY

TREASURER

At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ** opened a Public Hearing to consider approving the Resale of Tax Title Property.

LISA MURRAY, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT said they have received multiple applications for the Resale of Tax Title properties, including one from the City of Cle Elum for 2 parcels. They have contacted the Assessor's Office and Public Works Department and they do not see any reason to maintain the properties. She recommended the Board authorize the sale of Tax Title properties and to move forward with allowing the Treasurer to hold an auction in order to get the properties back onto the County tax rolls. **MS. MURRAY** noted there are fees owed to the Kittitas Reclamation District and those numbers had not been included. **CHRIS HORNER, DEPUTY PROSECUTOR** indicated the Board could set a minimum bid at whatever amount they want, even if it is less than the amount of taxes, interest, costs, and owed. The proceeds would first be used to reimburse the County for the costs of foreclosure, and then the remainder would go to those funds created and maintained by general tax levies, as well as the KR D's irrigation assessments. If the minimum bid amount is set at less than what is owed, KR D and the general tax funds would each receive a pro-rate share.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: JEFF SLOTHOWER, KITITAS RECLAMATION DISTRICT'S ATTORNEY requested the Board to set a minimum bid that would ensure recovery of the Irrigation District's liens, whether it's to the public or direct negotiations with the City of Cle Elum. **CHAD STEVENS** questioned if the properties had to be purchased together. **RYAN CALHOUN** spoke in favor of authorizing the sale of Tax Title properties. **THERE BEING NO OTHERS REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN moved to authorize the sale of Tax Tile properties and direct the Treasurer's office to hold an auction as well as enter into direct negotiations with the City of Cle Elum, and to ensure all liens and taxes are included in the purchase price. **CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ** seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

PUBLIC HEARING WATER RIGHTS - JAMES & HAZEL TREAT COMMISSIONERS

At 2:16 p.m. **CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ** opened a Public Hearing to consider the Purchase of Water Rights from James and Hazel Treat.

ERIN MOORE, WRP COORDINATOR provided a Staff Report on the Treat Water Rights purchase. The total amount of price for the water right transfer is \$468,155.40.

BILL CLARKE, SPECIAL DEPUTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY explained the history of the Purchase and Sale Agreement which had been done about a year ago. He said the action by the Board of County Commissioners would allow them to proceed to closing, which doesn't need to be done within the hearing. **PAUL DEMPSY, ATTORNEY REPRESENTING THE TREAT'S** provided a history of the request and said both he and his clients have appreciated the cooperative spirit by all representatives who've been involved in the matter.

THERE BEING NO OTHERS REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.


RESOLUTION 2018-115 TREAT WATER RIGHTS PUBLIC HEALTH

COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN moved to approve Resolution No. 2018-115, Authorizing Closing on the Treat Water Right. **CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ** seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD


Julie Kjorsvik

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Laura Osiadacz, Chairman