

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
STUDY SESSION**

TUESDAY

11:00 A.M.

APRIL 29, 2003

Those in attendance: Commissioners Max Golladay, Perry Huston, and Bruce Coe.

Others: Shannon Carlson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Debbie Strand, Executive Director of Phoenix Development; Brian Lenz, President of Phoenix Development; Bob Titus.

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PHOENIX DEVELOPMENT

COMMISSIONERS

At 11:00 A.M. a study session was held with members of the Phoenix Development Board of Directors.

Brian Lenz introduced himself and the others along with their responsibilities to the Phoenix Development Group. Mr. Lenz explained that the Board would like to have close and open contact with the Commissioners. They would like to give periodic updates as to what projects are going on, and also receive any feedback that the Commissioners maybe receiving from the public.

Commissioner Golladay asked if the businesses in the incubator have created jobs. Ms. Strand gave an update of the businesses that occupy the space. Pailei has created 4-5 full-time positions and Hobart Machinery has employed 7-8 full-time positions. Last week the owners of Hobart Machinery met with the State Community Development Service and are looking at exporting non-agricultural materials. They are also looking at a long-term military contract with Boeing.

Mr. Titus explained that the Phoenix Group is looking into pre-permitting. If they can pre-permit areas for industrial, this will decrease the permitting requirements necessary for business to start up and will hopefully enhance the opportunities for new business owners. Property owners that own parcels have approached the Phoenix Group, and said they would be open to a zoning change.

Mr. Lenz said the City of Cle Elum wants to put in light manufacturing buildings within their UGA. The area is well suited for distribution centers. There is a similar facility being constructed in Quincy. With the development of the resort the community will change.

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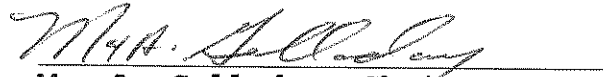
Ms. Strand passed out material that is given out to new business owners. Mr. Lenz concluded that the Phoenix Group has been an active participant with the wind farm process.

At 11:45 A.M., the Study Session was adjourned.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Shannon L. Carlson


Max A. Golladay, Chair