

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES  
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
PUBLIC HEARING**

**TUESDAY**

**4:00 P.M.**

**NOVEMBER 18, 2003**

Board members present: Chairman Max Golladay, Vice-Chairman Perry Huston & Bruce Coe.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Paul Bennett, Director of the Public Works Department; Joy Potter, Public Works Department; David Taylor, Director of Community Development Services; Allison Kimball, Community Development Services Supervisor; Clay White, Staff Planner, and approximately 4 members of the public.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**YAKIMA RIVER WATERSHED PLAN**

**CDS**

At 4:48 p.m. **CHAIRMAN GOLLADAY** opened the continued public hearing, to consider the Yakima River Watershed Plan (WRIA's 37, 38 and 39).

**DAVID TAYLOR, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR**, reviewed his staff report, and presented a supplemental staff report for the Board's consideration. He said staff has been working with several interests groups to prepare an amendment to RCW 90.82 "Watershed Planning". Although finalization of the draft legislation is close, he felt it was not to the point of public review, and hoped to have a final draft within the first half of December. **CHAIRMAN GOLLADAY** disclosed he had received a phone call from Greg Schuler, a representative from the Department of Ecology, ensuring the public hearing was still scheduled, and to let the Board know he would not be able to attend. **CHAIRMAN GOLLADAY** asked for public testimony. There was no one in attendance wishing to present testimony. **COMMISSIONER HUSTON** explained he was not being an obstructionist, but was concerned with implementation. **COMMISSIONER COE** acknowledged receipt of a letter from the Department of Ecology, including new information, but wanted all the facts in place before making a final decision.

**COMMISSIONER HUSTON** moved to continue the public hearing until Tuesday March 2, 2004, at 4:00 p.m., to discuss the status of the legislation; to authorize staff to give re-notice of the hearing at the appropriate time; and noting the record to remain open to receive written comments. **COMMISSIONER COE** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

At approximately 4:58 p.m. **CHAIRMAN GOLLADAY** opened the continued public hearing to consider the Community Development Services Fee Schedule.

**DAVID TAYLOR, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR**, reviewed a staff report, including a proposed fee schedule. He said their department researched other counties in Eastern Washington, and the schedule proposed is consistent with other counties and is based on their own costs of performing building permit review and inspections.

**CHAIRMAN GOLLADAY** requested public testimony. There being no public in attendance wishing to testify, the public portion of the hearing was closed.

**COMMISSIONER HUSTON** moved to continue the public hearing until Tuesday December 2, 2003, for Board Discussion and Decision, and to direct staff to prepare documents reflecting the fee increase with fiscal information for 2004. **COMMISSIONER COE** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

At approximately 5:10 p.m. **CHAIRMAN GOLLADAY** opened a public hearing to consider vacating a portion of Godowa Lane.

**PAUL BENNETT, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR** presented a staff report on the proposed vacation of a portion of Godowa Lane, and recommended the Commissioners declare the southerly 580 feet of Godowa Lane, as unnecessary to the transportation system for Kittitas County, and to authorize the vacation of the said right-of-way.

**THERE BEING NO PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE WISHING TO TESTIFY, THE VERBAL PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**COMMISSIONER HUSTON** moved to continue the public hearing for Board Discussion and Decision only, until Tuesday December 2, 2003 at 3:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Auditorium, Room 109, and to direct staff to prepare enabling documents, reflecting the proponent will pay for all expenses and fees relating to the vacation. **COMMISSIONER COE** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

**SHERIFF'S BUDGET**

**SHERIFF**

At approximately 5:22 p.m. **CHAIRMAN GOLLADAY** opened the continued public hearing relating to amendments to the Sheriff's budget.

Due to the binding Arbitration results, effective September 1, 2003, the Sheriff's department needed approximately \$132,950.00 to cover those costs. The Sheriff's Department generated \$50,000.00 through not back filling their vacant positions, and requested to amend their budget in the amount of \$82,950.00 to cover the unanticipated costs.

**THERE BEING NO PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE WISHING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**COMMISSIONER HUSTON** commended the Sheriff's Department in working hard to come up with the \$50,000.00. He cautioned their department and said their budget could become tighter in 2004.

**COMMISSIONER HUSTON** moved to approve and authorize the Sheriff's Department to work with the Auditor's office to amend their budget in the amount of \$77,865.00. **COMMISSIONER COE** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

**FAUST ROAD**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

At approximately 5:26 p.m. **CHAIRMAN GOLLADAY** opened a public hearing to consider Kittitas County surplus property located adjacent to Faust Road and the John Wayne Trail in Township 18 N; Range 18 East, Section 21, W.M.

**PAUL BENNETT, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR** said Kittitas County had received funding for safety improvements on Faust Road, which included the realignment of the existing roadway. An additional right-of-way was required for the work, and during the land negotiations with the property owner, the county agreed to purchase the remainder parcel that was severed from the parent parcel by the new road alignment. The Washington State Parks and Recreation has expressed an interest in purchasing the property, at fair market value for the construction of a John Wayne Trail Head. He said RCW 47.12.063 authorizes local government jurisdictions to sell surplus property to other state agencies. The total estimated value for the parcel is \$5,265.00.

**THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING:** WALT FARAR supported Mr. Bennett's recommendation. He was in favor of having a willing buyer and a plan for the property. **THERE BEING NO ADDITIONAL PUBLIC TESTIMONY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**COMMISSIONER HUSTON** moved to declare surplus the property located adjacent to Faust Road and the John Wayne Trail in Township 18 N; Range 18 East, Section 21, W.M., and to direct staff to prepare enabling documents for the Commissioner's Agenda on Tuesday December 2, 2003 at 3:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse, noting the record is closed. **COMMISSIONER COE** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
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Julie A. Kjorsvik

  
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Max A. Golladay, Chairman