

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

WEDNESDAY

4:30 P.M.

JANUARY 7, 2004

Board members present: Chairman Perry Huston; Vice-Chairman Bruce Coe; Commissioner Max Golladay.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; James Hurson, Civil Deputy Prosecutor; Sheriff Gene Dana and Clayton Meyers, acting Undersheriff.

PUBLIC HEARING

CARL BROWN-DONATION OF LAND

COMMISSIONERS

At approximately 4:30 p.m. **CHAIRMAN HUSTON** opened a public hearing to consider a request to donate land from Carl Brown.

He explained that the Board received a petition from Carl Brown for a donation of land to Kittitas County in exchange for back taxes. The parcel #19-16-10010-005 is 4.99 acres, located in Section 10, Township 19, Range 16, a portion of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and a portion of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Parcel E, Survey #535913. The Assessors office provided an assessed value of \$10,090. As of December 31, 2003, the amount of delinquent taxes owed on his parcel is \$161.61 for 2002 taxes, and \$143.12 for 2003 taxes.

JAMES HURSON, DEPUTY PROSECUTOR cautioned the Board of accepting the property and its possible risks and liability's (toxic wastes etc.). He questioned what the county would do with the property. He clarified the differences between tax sale default and purchasing the property.

CHAIRMAN HUSTON asked for public testimony. **THERE BEING NO ONE IN ATTENDANCE TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

COMMISSIONER COE explained that Mr. Brown was going to default on his taxes, and thought it may save the county money in the long run, if he just turned it over to them. **COMMISSIONER GOLLADAY** questioned if the Kittitas County Reclamation District or Bonneville Power Company would be interested in the property, since they have land surrounding it. He was reluctant to accept the property and felt it had no benefit to the county. **CHAIRMAN HUSTON** said the county would eventually end up with it after the default process, without having the liability.

COMMISSIONER GOLLADAY moved to deny the request from Carl Brown, to donate land to Kittitas County, in lieu of taxes. **COMMISSIONER COE** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

INCREASE SHERIFF'S FEES

SHERIFF

At approximately 5:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN HUSTON** opened the public hearing to consider increasing fees in the Sheriff's Department.

GENE DANA, SHERIFF reviewed a proposed Resolution, which would increase their fees for services. He said according to RCW 36.18.040(3), it authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to set the amount of fees that is collected by the Sheriff in order to cover the costs of administration and operation. He recommended the Board approve the proposed Resolution, effective January 1, 2004.

CHAIRMAN HUSTON asked for public testimony. **THERE BEING NO PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE WISHING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

COMMISSIONER GOLLADAY asked what the projected overall percentage increase would be? **SHERIFF DANA** said they expected it to be approximately 30%. **COMMISSIONER GOLLADAY** requested feedback on the increase of fees, during the next budget session.

RESOLUTION 2004-02

INCREASE SHERIFF'S FEES

SHERIFF

COMMISSIONER GOLLADAY moved to approve Resolution No. 2004-02, Increasing the Sheriff's Fees, effective January 1, 2004. **COMMISSIONER COE** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Julie A. Kjorsvik

Perry D. Huston, Chairman