

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

WEDNESDAY

4:00 P.M.

OCTOBER 27, 2004

Board members present: Chairman Perry D. Huston and Commissioner Max Golladay. Vice-Chairman Bruce Coe was absent.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Paul Bennett, Public Works Director; Joy Potter, Public Works Department staff; and approximately 20 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING VACATE PORTION WADE ROAD/GLADMAR PARK PUBLIC WORKS

At approximately 4:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN HUSTON** opened the continued public hearing (from October 13, 2004), to consider the proposed vacation of an undeveloped portion of Wade Road East of the County Maintained Portion of Wade Road and the Internal Road System located in Gladmar Park. He reminded everyone that the public testimony portion of the hearing had been previously closed by the Board. He acknowledged a letter dated October 27, 2004, received from William Rowley, who had previously requested a continuance of the hearing, recommending an alternative be explored prior to any decision being made regarding the vacation of Gladmar Park.

CHAIRMAN HUSTON moved to deny the request to vacate the underdeveloped portion of Wade Road. **COMMISSIONER GOLLADAY** seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

CHAIRMAN HUSTON said it needed to be determined what roads within the area the County owned and interests could not be transferred until a determination is made. He felt the County needs to work pro-actively and submit perfect title at an appropriate time.

COMMISSIONER GOLLADAY agreed that it was unknown what roads the County owns throughout the vicinity and felt it was premature to make a determination. He explained that the County could not vacate something that they are unsure of owning.

CHAIRMAN HUSTON moved to direct staff to prepare a Scope of Work (including Quiet Title, if necessary); draft a critical path with timelines and to prepare a budget for the Board's consideration.

COMMISSIONER GOLLADAY seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

SURPLUS GLADMAR PARK

PUBLIC WORKS

At approximately 4:10 p.m. **CHAIRMAN HUSTON** opened the continued public hearing (from October 13, 2004) to consider the surplus of Gladmar Park.

CHAIRMAN HUSTON moved to determine that Gladmar Park was not surplus to the County's needs. **COMMISSIONER GOLLADAY** seconded.

CHAIRMAN HUSTON explained that he was not in favor of creating a parks department for the County, but said ownership first needs to be determined. He said the Board may eventually want to solicit a Request for Proposals for Gladmar Park, depending on what the County is looking for, and it would be a policy decision. He said it does not close the door to anyone who has expressed an interest.

COMMISSIONER GOLLADAY acknowledged that the County Road department does not have a use for Gladmar Park, but the citizens of Kittitas County may have some use. He explained the importance of protecting the agencies access to maintain the levee and irrigation diversions. He felt the highest and best use for the citizens eventually needs to be determined. **CHAIRMAN HUSTON** was in favor of transferring it to the General Fund, since it was not a Department of Public Work's issue. Motion carried 2-0.

CHAIRMAN HUSTON moved to direct staff to prepare a Scope of Work, draft a critical path and prepare a budget transfer to the General Fund. **COMMISSIONER GOLLADAY** seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

The Public Hearing was closed and adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Julie A. Kjorsvik

Perry D. Huston, Chairman