

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

TUESDAY

4:00 P.M.

NOVEMBER 16, 2004

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Patti Johnson, Solid Waste Director; Paul Bennett, Public Works Director; Skip Mynar, Substance Abuse County Coordinator and approximately 10 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING

BOARD CONSOLIDATION

COMMISSIONERS

At approximately 4:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN HUSTON** opened the public hearing to consider the consolidation of the Alcohol Substance Abuse Advisory Board and the Alcohol Drug Dependency Service Program Board.

SKIP MYNAR, PROGRAM COORDINATOR explained the roles and responsibilities of the County appointed Substance Abuse Advisory Board and the Alcohol Drug Dependency Board. He said the advisory part of the Substance Abuse Advisory Board had been lessened due to the State removing the responsibilities from them. He noted that the Department of Social and Health Services has realized over the past summer that the number of Board members had decreased in size, and was in breach of contract, which could potentially cancel programs, lay off counselors, etc. He noted the numbers in membership had since been rectified, while recognizing the difficulty maintaining a significant amount of membership at one time. **MR. MYNAR** reviewed circumstances that lead to a discussion with Commissioner Huston to possibly cancel the public hearing, and look at other ways the Board could be more functional, but Commissioner Huston declined to cancel the hearing, which had been already publicized. He commented on the difficulty of attracting additional Board members, because no one is interested in being a "rubberstamp" Board. He proposed combining the current Substance Abuse Advisory Board with Alcohol Drug Dependency Services Board, as currently set forth in Chelan and Douglas counties.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: **JAMES WHITMIRE** said he was a current Substance Abuse Advisory Board member and felt Mr. Mynar should not have made the decision to propose consolidating the two Boards, without first going to them. He felt it was beneficial to keep the two Boards separate to ensure there are proper checks and balances.

BRUCE SKIBNESS said he was a current Advisory Board member and spoke against combining the two Boards. He said he was surprised to hear of Mr. Mynar's proposal, and felt he had circumvented their Board. He requested additional time to research the possibility of restructuring their Board, and to review their mission statement.

LYNN IMAMSHAH said she was a current Substance Abuse Advisory Board member and spoke out against the proposal to consolidate the two Boards. She felt Mr. Mynar should have followed up with the Commissioners office to ensure the vacancies on the Board were being advertised, and offered to solicit for new members. She said their Board looks at prevention services throughout the County, and explained they needed to clarify issues relating to defining their roles, mission and purpose. **COMMISSIONER GOLLADAY** noted that even with advertising, they have a difficult time trying to find

volunteers to fill most of their Boards and Committees, and did not know the answer to rectify the problem. **JACK PURCELL** a long-time member of the Substance Abuse Advisory Board, described the different roles between the County Advisory Board and the ADDS Board. He said their Board is advisory to the Board of County Commissioners, and to monitor the agencies that the County contracts with. He felt if the ADDS Board monitored those contracts, it could possibly be a conflict of interest. He said in the past, their Board had seen both highs and lows with membership, noting they needed to work on recruiting additional members. **JOHN SILVA**, a current member of the Substance Abuse Advisory Board, explained they served in an advisory role for the Board of County Commissioners, and not just one agency. They have worked on prevention issues and felt they served an important role to the citizens of Kittitas County.

PAM WILSON representing the Alcohol Drug Dependency Services, felt there was no clear focus for the advisory Board, and if there were any conflicts of interest, they could make sure their functions were defined. **SKIP MYNAR** clarified the proposal, noting it was not to invite the Advisory Board members to join the ADDS Board, it would be a consolidation and they would sit as an advisory Board, which would increase numbers of membership. **THERE BEING NO FURTHER TESTIMONY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

COMMISSIONER GOLLADAY felt the Board needed an active mission to serve the needs of the community. **COMMISSIONER COE** felt there was a genuine interest from the Advisory Board members to continue on in an advisory role, but needed to define their role and mission.

CHAIRMAN HUSTON said he was predisposed to making things simpler, while recognizing the possible conflict of interest. He appreciated the discussion and felt the need to define the Boards advisory role.

COMMISSIONER GOLLADAY moved to deny the request to consolidate the two Boards and directed the Substance Abuse Advisory Board to review their mission statement and create a scope of work within the next six months. **COMMISSIONER COE** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING**RATE INCREASE****SOLID WASTE**

At approximately 5:01 p.m. **CHAIRMAN HUSTON** opened a public hearing to consider a rate increase by the Kittitas County Solid Waste Department for garbage disposal.

PATTI JOHNSON, SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR reviewed the proposed rate change and said the tip fees for disposal of waste at the transfer stations had not been changed since 1996. She reported that one of an added costs, is the reclassification requirements for the Ryegrass facility to a Limited Purpose Landfill, and the new regulation would require the County to have financial assurance that upon closure of the facility, the County would have enough money set aside to cover the cost of the closure and continued monitoring of the facility. She reviewed a proposed CPI increase for Waste Management, per their contract, and the proposed increase for the Municipal Solid Waste to cover the increase cost of operations. The Solid Waste Advisory Committee recommended the increases, as well as lowering the minimum cost of Yard Waste Disposal to \$2.00 instead of \$2.07. All rates would go into effect 75 days after approval of the proposed Resolution to allow proper notification of the WUTC.

THERE BEING NO ONE INTERESTED IN TESTIFYING, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

The Board commended the Solid Waste Advisory Committees work, as well as Patti Johnson and the previous Director, Wendy Mifflin, for their hard work trying to keep rates down for such a long period of time.

RESOLUTION 2004-122**RATE INCREASE****SOLID WASTE**

COMMISSIONER COE moved to approve Resolution No. 2004-122, Setting Solid Waste Fees to include Tipping Fee \$72.64 per ton, \$4.63 minimum - Yard Waste \$35.92 per ton, \$2.00 minimum - Construction/Demolition Waste at Ryegrass Landfill \$7.00 per yard; Ellensburg Transfer Station \$58.54 per ton; Cle Elum Transfer Station \$72.08 per ton, and all other existing fees, and to Rescind Resolution NO. 97-75 and all previous Resolutions Setting Solid Waste Fees, effective 75 days from the date of signing.

COMMISSIONER GOLLADAY seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING**6 YR. TIP & ANNUAL CONSTRUCTION****PUBLIC WORKS**

At approximately 5:10 p.m. **CHAIRMAN HUSTON** opened the public hearing to consider adopting the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program

for the years 2005-2010, and the Annual Construction Program for 2005.

PAUL BENNETT, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR reviewed his Staff Report and said his department held an Open House in Cle Elum and Ellensburg, to receive comments from citizens on the proposed Six Year Transportation Improvement Program and the Annual Construction Plan. He reviewed the major funding sources and expected revenue amounts and said the complexity of obtaining rights-of-ways depends on how successful their timelines are.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: NANCY LESTER disclosed concerns of flooding on Riverbottom Road, and felt it could be prevented if the road was raised, or culverts placed under the roadway. She said she had been requesting something to be done for the past 27 years, and urged the Board to place it on the 6 year plan to correct the problem. **MR. BENNETT** said the floods were not due to the river, but the dyke flooding. The Board questioned if there was anything the County could do to assist Ms. Lester. **MR. BENNETT** said he had been meeting with the Corps of Engineers to possibly conduct a study on the existing dyke, as a Level 2 flood model. He said the culvert in the area does need to be replaced, but noted that all the landowners in the area were challenged, because they would still need to receive irrigation water. He explained that if a 36 inch culvert were to be installed, he would recommend obtaining written risk statements from all the landowners.

COMMISSIONER COE said he did not understand the process of the Public Works Department for the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan. **MR. BENNETT** reviewed their process.

COMMISSIONER GOLLADAY commented on how there were conditions or circumstances that can come up that are beyond the County's control that would hinder the progress of the projections.

COMMISSIONER COE moved to amend the proposed Resolution Adopting the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan, by substituting the Class A seal coat numbers and schedule as was proposed last year for 2004-2009. **COMMISSIONER GOLLADAY** seconded. **COMMISSIONER COE** questioned why a certain Class of roads had "fallen off the map" from the previous year, and was unsure if the need was demonstrated and said he was unsure if the proposal was achievable. **COMMISSIONER GOLLADAY** felt it would be totally irresponsible and chance overrun's etc. He said there were a fixed amount of dollars available, which were all dependent upon other issues. He said roads were assigned a different Class, for various reasons. **CHAIRMAN HUSTON** said he would not support the motion because the proposed schedule was more realistic. Motion failed 1-2. (Chairman Huston & Commissioner Golladay voted against the motion).

RESOLUTION 2004-123 6 YR. TRANSPORT. IMPROVEMENT PLAN PUBLIC WORKS

CHAIRMAN HUSTON moved to approve Resolution No. 2004-123, Adopting the Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan for the Years 2005-2010. **COMMISSIONER GOLLADAY** seconded. Motion carried 2-1. (Commissioner Coe voted against the motion).

RESOLUTION 2004-124 ANNUAL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM PUBLIC WORKS

CHAIRMAN HUSTON moved to approve the Annual Construction Program for 2005, as presented by the Public Works Department. **COMMISSIONER COE** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Julie A. Kjorsvik

Perry D. Huston, Chairman