

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

TUESDAY

4:00 P.M.

JUNE 6, 2006

Board members present: Chairman David Bowen, Vice-Chairman Alan Crankovich and Commissioner Perry Huston.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; James Hurson, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor; Joanna Valencia, CDS Staff Planner; Darryl Piercy, Director Community Development Services; Patrick Butler, CDS Staff Planner; and approximately 6 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING INDIGENT VETERAN'S FINANCIAL ASSIST. MANUAL AUDITOR

At approximately 4:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN BOWEN** opened the continued public hearing from May 16, 2006, to consider adopting the revised Kittitas County Indigent Veteran's Financial Assistance Manual.

COMMISSIONER HUSTON presented draft amendments relating to the 12-month period for claims made by eligible veterans.

MR. BUCOVICH agreed that the Number 2 proposal under "4.2 Policies" would work for them which states the maximum accounts listed renew for each successive 12 month period. The Veterans Advisory Board must approve claims made by eligible veterans after the initial 12 month period. The Board of Commissioners must approve claims made after the 2nd 12 month period.

COMMISSIONER HUSTON suggested adding to the last sentence to include claims made during the third 12 month period and all successive years would be reviewed with a recommendation from the Veterans Advisory Board.

COMMISSIONER HUSTON recommended drafting a Resolution to officially adopt the Veterans Financial Assistance Manual to be considered on June 20, 2006. He also addressed the agreement that needed to be updated for the remainder of 2006, and to also consider amending the budget for this year as well.

COMMISSIONER HUSTON moved to amend 3.5 Definitions of the Indigent Veteran's Financial Assistance Manual, by adding "The 12 consecutive month period shall commence on the date of the first payment received". **COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

COMMISSIONER HUSTON moved to amend 4.2 Policies of the Indigent Veteran's Financial Assistance Manual, by adding "The maximum amounts listed review for each successive 12 month period. The Veterans Advisory Board must approve claims made by eligible Veterans after the initial 12 month period. The Board of County Commissioners must approve claims made after the 2nd 12 month period. **COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

COMMISSIONER HUSTON moved to direct staff to prepare a Resolution, with amendments, for the Indigent Veteran's Financial Assistance Manual, to be on the June 20, 2006, Commissioner Agenda, at 2:00 p.m. **COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

COMMISSIONER HUSTON moved to continue the public hearing to Tuesday June 20, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse, Ellensburg. **COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

TIMBER MOUNTAIN PLAT ALTERATION

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At approximately 4:20 p.m. **CHAIRMAN BOWEN** opened a public hearing to consider the Timber Mountain Plat Alteration Project, P-06-05, submitted by William L. Thrush, authorized agent for the Timber Mountains Owner's Association.

JOANNA VALENCIA, CDS STAFF PLANNER reviewed a Staff Report. She said an application was made for an amendment to the face of the Timber Mountain Plat in order to change the road use declaration from "dedicates to the use of the public" to "private roads". The subject parcels are currently zoned Forest & Range and the Comprehensive Plan land use designation is Rural. The proposed amendment is to an existing plat that was approved and created in 1982, and is exempt from SEPA. The applicant applied for a variance with the Public Works Department from the current Road Standards. The Public Works Department gave conditional approval to the request to amend the language of the plat dedication.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: WILLIAM THRUSH offered to answer any questions the Board may have. He said the proposal was for a loop road and would not serve lots that are not a part of their Association. They would like an opportunity to deal with the people directly and have them participate in the road maintenance. He said it was not their intent to limit anyone's access. **CHAIRMAN BOWEN** wanted to be sure they would not be land locking anyone. **MS. VALENCIA** said the proposal does not land lock any property owners. **MR. HUSTON** questioned the notice of the hearing. **MS. VALENCIA** said owners located within the 300 foot buffer from Timber Mountain Loop were notified. **JACK TALLMAN** explained he owned the area north of

Tall Pines Drive and he had received verification that he would not lose access. **SCOTT ELDERKIN** said he was the Secretary for the Timber Mountain Owners Association and spoke in favor of the proposal, claiming they had invested a great deal of time and money for maintaining the road and they should benefit from it. **THERE BEING NO ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

COMMISSIONER HUSTON said he did not necessarily have an issue with the proposal, but thought there may be, at some future date, a process for Home Owners Association to allow access to property located to the north. He wanted to be sure notice had been given to the owners north of the proposal, to make sure there are no issues later down the road. He suggested continuing the hearing, and re-noticing the hearing to the additional property owners located to the north of the proposal, and to have the Owners Association work on identifying possible access which may be through a plat amendment process.

MR. PIERCY, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES said they would work with the applicant relating to the plat amendment process; and to re-notice the hearing to other property owners.

COMMISSIONER HUSTON moved to continue the hearing to Tuesday July 18, 2006 at 4:00 p.m., record to remain open. **COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Julie A. Kjorsvik

David Bowen, Chairman