

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES  
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**TUESDAY**

**4:00 P.M.**

**AUGUST 1, 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; Judy Pless, Budget & Finance Manager; Jerry Pettit, Auditor; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor and two members of the public.

**PUBLIC HEARING                      OPEN SPACE TIMBER APPLICATIONS                      COMMISSIONERS**

At approximately 4:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN BOWEN** opened a public hearing to consider two applications for Reclassification as Open Space Timber land for Current Use Tax Assessment from Michael D. Bates and George Burchak.

**MANDY ROBINSON, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD** gave a staff report stating that the applications received from Michael D. Bates and George Burchak were found to be complete, had included a Forest Management Plan and noted the appropriate filing fee had been received and deposited with the County Treasurer.

**THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: PHILL HESS, CONSULTING FORESTER** said he was representing both applicants. He explained he had prepared both Forest Management Plans and confirmed they qualified for Open Space Timber. **THERE BEING NO FURTHER PUBLIC REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**COMMISSIONER HUSTON** moved to approve and authorize the Chair to sign Open Space Timber Taxation Agreements with Michael D. Bates and George Burchak. **COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

**AMEND 2006 BUDGETS**

**AUDITOR**

At approximately 4:05 p.m. **CHAIRMAN BOWEN** opened a public hearing to consider amending the 2006 County Budgets.

**JUDY PLESS, BUDGET & FINANCE MANAGER** reviewed the proposed amendments to the 2006 county budgets including: \$403,854.00 for the General Fund; \$57,900.00 for the Recreation fund; \$37,075.00 for the

Public Health budget; \$5,000.00 for the Homelessness Assistance fund; \$25,000.00 for the Veterans Assistance budget; \$57,900.00 for Capital Improvements fund and \$150,000.00 for the Solid Waste budget for a total amount of \$736,729.00. **THERE BEING NO ONE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**RESOLUTION 2006-113**

**AMEND 2006 BUDGETS**

**AUDITOR**

Commissioner Crankovich moved to approve Resolution No. 2006-113, Amending the 2006 budgets in the total amount of \$736,729.00. Commissioner Huston seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

**ANNEXATION FIRE DISTRICT #2**

**COMMISSIONERS**

At approximately 4:08 p.m. **CHAIRMAN BOWEN** opened a public hearing to consider placing on the September 19, 2006 State Primary Election ballot, the question of whether the City of Ellensburg should be annexed to Kittitas County Fire District #2, effective January 1, 2007.

**NEIL CAULKINS, DEPUTY PROSECUTOR** explained the City of Ellensburg passed Ordinance No. 4451 stating their intent to join Kittitas County Fire District #2, and noted the Kittitas County Fire District #2 passed Resolution No. 06-10 concurring with the annexation.

**JOHN SINCLAIR, REPRESENTING FIRE DISTRICT #2 AND THE CITY OF ELLENSBURG** explained the Fire District went out to the public educating citizens from both Fire Districts and the City. They concluded the proposed annexation would be more efficient and effective. He recommended to the Board that they call for a Special election to determine if the City of Ellensburg should be annexed in to Kittitas County Fire District #2. **THERE BEING NO ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**CHAIRMAN BOWEN** asked who would pay for the election costs. **JERRY PETTIT, AUDITOR** explained the costs would come from a combination of the Fire District and City of Ellensburg, since voters of both entities would have to concur for it to happen.

**RESOLUTION 2006-114**

**ANNEXATION FIRE DISTRICT 2**

**COMMISSIONERS**

**COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** moved to approve Resolution No. 2006-114, to Call for a Special Election to Determine if the City of Ellensburg should be Annexed to Kittitas County Fire District #2, effective January 1, 2007. **COMMISSIONER HUSTON** seconded.

**COMMISSIONER HUSTON** hoped the lack of attendance was just because citizens thought the proposal was a no-brainer. He hoped people

understood the nature of the occasion and that there had been a lot of work throughout the years to get the proposal this far. He also felt this was the first step in other discussions to combine services, and that other districts should be paying attention, by looking at their emergency medical services and if citizens would be better by having a county wide system. He applauded Chief Sinclair and Chief Elliot for their discussions and that it was one example of how things can work to generate acceptable levels of service across the county. **COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** felt it was a way of improving two good services. **CHAIRMAN BOWEN** acknowledged Chief Elliot and Chief Sinclair for educating the public. **COMMISSIONER HUSTON** said he would be interested in holding a public hearing to give those who wish to speak on whether the Board of County Commissioners, as a body, would take a position on proposition.

Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD**

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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**Julie A. Kjorsvik**

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**David Bowen, Chairman**