

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES  
KITTTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
COMMISSIONERS AUDITORIUM  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**TUESDAY**

**1:30 P.M.**

**AUGUST 26, 2008**

Board members present: Chairman Mark McClain; Vice-Chairman Alan Crankovich and Commissioner Linda Huber.

Others: Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Darryl Piercy, Director of Community Development Services; Trudie Pettit, CDS Staff Planner; Jeff Slothower, Attorney; Christina Wollman, Public Works Staff Planner; Jim Denison, Attorney; Chris Taylor, Attorney; Kirk Holmes, Public Works Director; Kelly Carlson, Administrative Assistant/Airport Manager; Kelly Bostick, Road Log Tech; Doug D'Hondt County Engineer; Jan Olliver, Engineer Manager; and three members of the public.

**APPEAL HEARING**

**FLORY SHORT PLAT APPEAL**

**CDS**

At approximately 1:30 p.m. **CHAIRMAN McCLAIN** opened an appeal hearing to consider an administrative decision of the Kittitas County Community Development Services Department and Public Works Department denying a request for final approval of the Flory SShort Plat (SP-08-00013). Chuck Cruse of Cruse & Associates, authorized agent for Galen Flory, landowner, submitted a complete application on March 19, 2008 for a 2 lot Short Plat pursuant to Kittitas County Code 16.32 on approximately 12.19 acres of land that is zoned Commercial Agriculture. The subject property is located south east of the City of Ellensburg, south of Thrall Road, west of Payne Road on Dodge Road, Ellensburg, WA 98926, and is located in a portion of Section 34, T17N R19E, WM in Kittitas County. Map Number 17-19-34050-0002. He referenced a letter dated August 21, 2008 addressed to the Board of County Commissioners from Jim Denison Jr. indicating their desire to withdraw their Appeal and requesting an Appeal fee refund.

**JEFF SLOTHOWER, ATTORNEY REPRESENTING THE APPELLANT** gave a brief history of the property and location, and explained that he has a ten day window to file an appeal. He indicated that because County staff could not meet until after the ten day deadline was past, he was forced to file the appeal to work on resolving the issue. He indicated that a letter sent on behalf of him by Attorney James T. Denison Jr. explained that the previous issues had been resolved and that the applicant and the Attorney representing, them felt that it was fair to request a refund for the appeal fee in the full amount of \$ 500.00.

**COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** moved to refund the appeal fee for the Flory Short Plat Appeal since it was an error on behalf of the County.  
**CHAIRMAN McCLAIN** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**OTHER BUSSINESS-**

**CHAIRMAN McCLAIN** questioned what was currently going on within the County departments that have caused three appeals to be set and then withdrawn.

**DOUG D'HONDT, COUNTY ENGINEER** explained that it boils down to timing which became the major obstacle in this case. He explained that staff held a meeting and the Community Development Services Director was un-able to attend the meeting due to being out of town and therefore the meeting was rescheduled. He explained that the issue with this was that in the lag time between staff's initial meeting and the follow up meeting the appeal had been filed. He explained that staff handled the issue in a timely manner.

**JEFF SLOTHOWER, ATTORNEY REPRESENTING THE APPELLANT,** explained the plat note process and plat history.

**COMMISSIONER HUBER,** asked County Permit Center Staff to make a conscious effort to work with each other on these issues. She explained that in the future we will hopefully not end up with three appeals that get withdrawn because of an error by County staff. She explained that even though for Government the process may have been timely when it comes to the business side of things its not always as timely as you may think.

**COMMISSIONER HUBER** moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:55 p.m.  
**COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

**DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD**

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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**Mandy Robinson**

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**Mark McClain, Chairman**