

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

**TUESDAY**

**2:00 P.M.**

**SEPTEMBER 15, 2009**

Board members present: Chairman Alan Crankovich; Vice-Chairman Paul Jewell and Commissioner Mark McClain.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Judy Pless, Budget & Finance Manager; Duke Senter, Information Services Director; Patti Johnson, Solid Waste Director; Lisa Iammarino, Code Enforcement; Jerry Pettit, Auditor; Brent Bottoms, Deputy Prosecutor.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**COUNTY ASSETS**

**AUDITOR**

At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** opened a public hearing to consider the disposition of County assets.

**JUDY PLESS, BUDGET & FINANCE MANAGER** reviewed a proposed Resolution that had been reviewed by the Prosecutors office, declaring certain County property surplus. She explained there is a joint sale scheduled for October 3, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Kittitas County Event Center. She said that according to RCW's, items declared surplus but are not subject to the sale can be transferred to another government agency. She said that school districts are interested in obtaining the surplused computers, but there is not a process in place. **COMMISSIONER McCLAIN** said he was in favor of schools having access to the computers first, followed by non-profits. **DUKE SENTER, INFORMATION SERVICES DIRECTOR** said they only have a small pool of computers available to surplus (approximately 20), since there was no computer rotation this year. He indicated the need expressed is definitely greater than the supply available, and in the past, there has been an employee available to parcel them out, but he did not feel they have the time this year. He noted the hard drives have all been erased on the computers and there are no guarantees on how well they work. **MS. PLESS** explained the computers were placed on a separate list for surplus items. She noted that in the past the libraries have also been able to have access to the surplused computers. **CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** felt there should be a process defined by the Board in order to be fair to everyone. **COMMISSIONER McCLAIN** mentioned that school districts have dedicated funding from taxes and maybe the County should come up with a needs based approach, such as public safety first followed by others who don't have their own taxing structure. **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** was surprised at the discussion regarding previous attempts to donate used computer equipment and that disputes over the equipment has been a problem. He was also concerned that staff may have to spend

time creating a process to avoid a similar situation and to prevent further complains. He expressed frustration over spending taxpayer resources to create a process for donating computers and if that were the case, he would rather just have the computers go to surplus. **MS. PLESS** reminded the Board that the listing of items have been available in the Commissioner's office since the hearing was set and once it has been approved by the Board, they will be published online. It was suggested that a specific date, time and location be set and have everyone who is interested in the surplus computers, come and draw a number and the first person who gets #1 will get the first choice, #2 will go second, etc. **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** said he was in favor of a simple process.

**THERE BEING NO ONE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**RESOLUTION 2009-122                      DECLARE PROPERTY SURPLUS                      AUDITOR**

**COMMISSIONER JEWELL** moved to approve Resolution No. 2009-122, to Declare Certain Property Surplus Sale, Transfer Property and Declare Certain Property Junked or Destroyed. **COMMISSIONER McCLAIN** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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**PUBLIC HEARING                                      SETTING FEES - COMPOST                                      SOLID WASTE**

At 2:20 p.m. **CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** opened a public hearing to consider setting fees for the sale of compost at the Ellensburg Transfer Station.

**PATTI JOHNSON, SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR** explained the Solid Waste Department had received a grant from the Department of Ecology to build a compost facility as an alternative to burning in the urban growth areas of Kittitas County. On July 15, 2009 the compost facility began operation and they would like to establish a fee for the sale of compost. She said they had done local research on what other places are selling their material for. She said they found one business selling a similar product for \$32.00 per yard. They are finding that their material is weighing about 1,000 pounds per yard and they would like to sell it by the ton. She proposed a fee of \$60.00 per ton for materials and for more than 10 tons the fee would be \$50.00 a ton (because by taking one large load at a time saves on labor). **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** asked if the costs were going to be covered and if no additional testing needed for the first year to make sure there no contaminants and that will not be needed after that. **MS. JOHNSON** said when coming up with developing the pricing structure, they took into consideration the man hours, electric bills, fuel, equipment maintenance and repair. She explained they

have been screening it by hand and weighing it. They hope to produce approximately 2,000 yards of compost a year.

**THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: CATHERINE CLERF** said that part of her business group does this type of project on a larger scale and commented on the three Republicans who have taken State money and put the County into the composting business. She said as soon as the price gets set, she guarantees 3 companies will undercut the County, and they will end up with the product. **THERE BEING NO ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**RESOLUTION 2009-123                      SETTING FEES - COMPOST                      SOLID WASTE**

**COMMISSIONER JEWELL** moved to approve Resolution No. 2009-123, Setting Fees for the sale of compost, at \$60.00 per ton under 10 tons and \$50.00 per ton over 10 tons. **CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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**PUBLIC HEARING    AMEND TITLE 18    PROSECUTOR**

At approximately 2:30 p.m. **CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** opened a public hearing to consider proposed Amendments to Kittitas County Code Title 18 to provide for minimum fines, expand and clarify the defined nuisances and an alternative procedure for enforcement.

**BRENT BOTTOMS, DEPUTY PROSECUTOR** said the proposal redefined some of the language to Kittitas County Code Title 18 and to allow an alternate process for code violations to go through an administrative process, rather than going through the Courts. He noted the Public Works Department would like to add language regarding the nuisances of snow being plowed into the road which can be an obstruction. **CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** thought it was already in the RCW's.

**THERE BEING NO ONE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**ORDINANCE 2009-19    AMEND TITLE 18    PROSECUTOR**

**COMMISSIONER McCLAIN** moved to approve Ordinance No. 2009-19, and to substitute Page 2 (g) by adding snow/ice removal to the section. **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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**PUBLIC HEARING    DOE - MOA    COMMISSIONERS**

At approximately 2:39 p.m. **CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** opened a public hearing continued from September 9, 2009, to consider a Memorandum

of Agreement with the WA ST Department of Ecology regarding exempt wells in Upper County. He noted the record is closed.

The Board indicated there was no additional information available at this time.

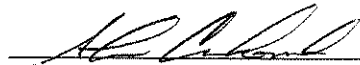
**COMMISSIONER McCLAIN** moved to continue the public hearing to September 28, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium, Room 109, Kittitas County Courthouse, noting the record was closed. **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

  
Julie A. Kjorsvik

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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Alan Crankovich, Chairman