

COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS AUDITORIUM
SPECIAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY

10:00 A.M.

JUNE 29, 2011

Board members present: Chairman Paul Jewell; Vice-Chairman Alan Crankovich and Commissioner O'Brien.

Others: Catherine Dunn, Deputy Clerk of the Board, Kirk Holmes, Public Works Director.

SPECIAL MEETING

FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION CODE

PUBLIC WORKS

At 10:00 a.m. **Chairman Jewell** opened a Special Meeting to consider a presentation on KCC 14.08 Flood Damage Prevention. The location was changed due to a scheduling conflict in the Conference Room.

Kirk Holmes, Public Works Director, said he wanted to make the Board aware of the impacts from the May 15, 2011 flood. Discussion was held on the issues from that flood. He reported Public Works has been active with meetings of neighbors to stave off interaction with attorneys. He said they were taking the neighborly approach regarding the permitting process. He said that eleven access points were damaged which will require significant rehabilitation. He said FEMA is overlooking them to make sure the permitting process is done accurately and landowners are given 12 months to replace bridges and other access points within the emergency permit process. He said bridges placed in the floodway are required to have No Net Rise engineering studies.

Chairman Jewell asked when some of the bridges were placed in the Floodway. **Mr. Holmes** said in 2001 or before. **Commissioner Crankovich** said that attention to the bridges came to the forefront with Fire Code and Fire apparatus concerns.

Kirk Holmes said they are training front counter personnel to make sure those applying for Building Permits are also applying for a Flood Development Permit when needed. He said there is a large educational element that needs to be implemented. Illegal activities put the county at risk of losing the NFIP Insurance ratings. He said that historically the County has not been diligent in permitting bridges and other activities.

Commissioner O'Brien asked if the County should have a filling and grading ordinance. **Commissioner Crankovich** agreed the County needed such a code. **Mr. Holmes** expressed some concern about constituency complaints.

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Chairman Jewell asked how much of this code was used with the Citizen Advisory Board. **Mr. Holmes** said he gave the Advisory Board the code at the first meeting.

Kirk Holmes said he had received several comments regarding Flood Code as a "government takings". He said it was not a taking as it was established by the Supreme Court.

Commissioner O'Brien asked if the County requires any remedial action. **Mr. Holmes** said they try to work with people.


There was a discussion of Fowler Creek Road issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD


Catherine Dunn

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Paul Jewell, Chairman