

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

TUESDAY

4:00 P.M.

MARCH 6, 2007

Board members present: Chairman Alan Crankovich, Vice-Chairman David Bowen, Commissioner Mark McClain.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Brandon Drexler, Public Works Director; Kelly Carlson, Public Works Administrative Assistant; Sande DeSalles, Fair Marketing Director; Jan Ollivier, Public Works Transportation Manager; Gene Dana, Sheriff and approximately 10 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING

NEW GRANDSTANDS/FAIR & RODEO

FAIR

At approximately 4:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** opened a public hearing to consider the construction of a new Section 9 Grandstand in the SE corner of the Kittitas Valley Event Center (at the Kittitas County Fairgrounds) Rodeo Arena, which will provide approximately 800 bleacher seats, plus additional premium area level seats; and the construction of a new Section of arena level "Box" seating on the North end of the Main Covered Grandstands; plus additional ADA seating.

KELLY SHADEMAN, ELLENSBURG RODEO BOARD MEMBER reviewed the Rodeo Boards proposal to construct a new Section 9 which would include approximately 800 seats, including ADA seating. He said there would be new box seats below with a concrete wall in front. He noted that they would need to submit their plans and obtain building permits to ensure it meets code. **SANDE DESALLES, FAIR MARKETING DIRECTOR** said most of her concerns had been addressed in a meeting previously held with the representatives of the Rodeo Board and the Facilities Maintenance Director. She claimed she had not received any negative feedback from people who have looked at the proposal. She said the normal users of the facility had all been contacted and she had not received any comments back from them. **COMMISSIONER MCCLAIN** was concerned about the horses that run the track being so close to the stands. **RICK COLE, RODEO BOARD MEMBER** described how there would not be an increased risk to the public, competitors or livestock with their proposal. **CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** reviewed the estimated amounts for ancillary projects that would be requested to be funded out of the Kittitas County Facility Improvement Funds, including a paved service road/walkway, additional lighting, relocation of pens east of the Gold Buckle building, and removal of existing chain link fence.

At approximately 4:26 p.m. **CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** opened a public hearing to consider amending Kittitas County Code Chapter 10.08 "Speed Limits on County Roads" specifically Pfenning Road, in Kittitas County.

JAN OLLIVIER, PUBLIC WORKS TRANSPORTATION MANAGER reviewed a request from the City of Ellensburg to revise the School Safety Zone on Pfenning Road to be consistent with the other School Safety Zones for the Ellensburg School District. The change is to decrease the period of time that the twenty miles per hour maximum speed limit is effective, to weekdays, whenever lights are flashing from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Currently, the Code states that the School Safety Zone is effective on school days from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. She also requested consideration to correct the milepost limits of the School Safety Zone for the Thorp School District from Milepost 6.55 to Milepost 6.91, and to correct references to RCW 46.61.440. She read an email from Prosecuting Attorney James Hurson including questions relating to changes to true school zone, all school days or weekdays.

COMMISSIONER McCLAIN questioned if there was a plan for the school zone time including lunches, or half days, to ensure it would be in effect during those times. **BRANDON DREXLER, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR** said the City of Ellensburg spoke with the School District and they have all concurred to not including lunch hours. The School District is trying to keep it uniform throughout the City. **CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** asked why they would not want to keep the speed zone the same all day and why deviate from the school day.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: **PAUL ALDERMAN** said he lived in the area and supported the speed limit in the safety zone, but felt the County should recognize the parking problems along Pfenning Road and Capital. He said there is a safety concern with parents who come to watch kids sit in their vehicles. He said there are parking lots at the high school, but no one seems to want to use them. **LARRY FULLER** agreed that by varying the speed at different times, it may confuse people and felt the speed should be consistent during the entire school day. **THERE BEING NO ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

MR. DREXLER said the new soccer fields have been built out at the West Ellensburg Park, so that should alleviate the problems with parking along Pfenning Road.

COMMISSIONER BOWEN felt the playgrounds are used more during the weekend due to sporting events, etc. and does not know why the school district would only want the speed zone for only two periods during the day because there are children out at all times.

CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH did not see value in creating confusion to citizens and noted there are children playing in the area throughout the entire day. He said he would like to hear a more compelling argument from the City. **COMMISSIONER McCLAIN** asked staff to look into the possibility of having it posted at 20 mph zone at all times, but did not know the parameters.

COMMISSIONER McCLAIN moved to continue the public hearing to Tuesday March 20, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. and direct staff to contact the City of Ellensburg to come to the hearing and present testimony.

COMMISSIONER BOWEN seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC WORKS AMEND COUNTY CODE – ROADS & BRIDGES PUBLIC WORKS

At approximately 4:52 p.m. **CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** opened a public hearing to consider amending Kittitas County Code Chapter 12 "Roads and Bridges".

BRANDON DREXLER, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR introduced an updated Engineer's Report for the Boards review. He indicated the proposals were more of clarifications and a more detailed review that may include major suggested revisions will be conducted and presented to the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners in the summer of 2007.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: ROGER WEAVER questioned the portion relating to Road Certification. He said when he was on the citizen advisory group it was not their intention to have to complete a road all the way to the end prior to obtaining a building permit. **LARRY FULLER** questioned the private road section and wanted the time to review the proposed changes that had been made by staff. **URBAN EBERHART REPRESENTING THE KITTITAS COUNTY FARM BUREAU** asked for additional time to review the most current version that was presented by staff at the hearing. He said unless there was an immediate reason for reviewing the document now, he encouraged the Board to wait a couple of months down the road for an entire review. He reviewed proposed changes to the document they had reviewed. **WAYNE NELSON** said he served on the citizen's advisory committee. He suggested further review was warranted on the document. He said there was a minor change which was needed now relating to the ingress/egress portion and its interpretation that is currently being applied by staff. **LUCY BULL FROM THE FOREST SERVICE** commented on how there are a lot of the standards which have caused issues with the Forest Service Roads and access from those roads. She

stated there have been developers that constructed roads without talking to them, because they were looking at the current standards. Forest Services Roads, which are Federal Roads and that any developments using their roads for access need to be addressed.

MARK KIRKPATRICK said the interpretation of the ingress/egress as referenced by Wayne Nelson in his testimony, he agreed it was urgent and needed to be addressed. **THERE BEING NO ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

MR. DREXLER reviewed the proposed changes and those which came out of the March 5, 2007 Public Works Study Session and were included with his updated Engineers Report.

COMMISSIONER BOWEN moved to continue the public hearing to Tuesday March 20, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium, record remain open for written and verbal testimony, and direct staff to work with interested parties on language and bring those back for Board review. **COMMISSIONER McCLAIN** seconded. It was noted that the Public Works Department would have a document available for public viewing prior to the hearing.

Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Julie A. Kjorsvik

Alan Crankovich, Chairman