

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

**TUESDAY**

**4:00 P.M.**

**APRIL 17, 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; Cathy Bambrick, Public Health Director; Sande DeSalles, Fair Marketing Coordinator; Darryl Piercy, Director of Community Development Services; Jan Olivier, Public Works Transportation Manager; and approximately 10 members of the public.

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

**PFENNING ROAD SPEED LIMIT**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

At approximately 4:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** opened the continued public hearing from March 20, 2007 to consider amending Chapter 10.08 of the Kittitas County Code "Speed Limits on County Roads" specifically Pfenning Road in Kittitas County.

**JAN OLLIVIER, PUBLIC WORKS TRANSPORTATION MANAGER** explained that the Board previously directed staff to contact the City of Ellensburg to explain their justification in requesting the effective times for the school zone on Pfenning Road. She said a representative from the City explained that city staff establishes signage for school zones that comply with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and RCW 46.61.440, and the City Council does not typically get involved in the details of when the zones are effective and has not been involved in the particular issue. The City established the speed zone according to what the School District requested and is willing to have the Pfenning School Safety Zone stay per the County's effective period with the addition of allowing it to be effective also when lights are flashing. The City does not intend to change the other zones since they have recently invested in signage for all the zones.

The Public Works Department recommended that the Board revise the school safety zone for the Ellensburg School District to be on Pfenning Road only, from Milepost 0.16 to Milepost 0.68, effective school days from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or whenever lights are flashing; to revise the school safety zone for the Thorp School District on Thorp Highway, North from Milepost 6.55 to Milepost 6.91.

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

**COMMISSIONER McCLAIN** moved to approve the School Safety Zone for Ellensburg School District to be on Pfenning Road only, from Milepost 0.16 to Milepost 0.68 **COMMISSIONER BOWEN** seconded. The Board thanked staff for their follow up on the issue. Motion carried 3-0.

**ORDINANCE 2007-14                      SPEED LIMITS ON COUNTY ROADS                      PUBLIC WORKS**

**COMMISSIONER McCLAIN** moved to approve Ordinance No. 2007-14, Amending Chapter 10.08 of the Kittitas County Code "Speed Limits on County Roads". **COMMISSIONER BOWEN** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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**PUBLIC HEARING                                      KV EVENT CENTER BUILDING NAMES                                      FAIR**

At approximately 4:08 p.m. **CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** opened a public hearing to consider identifying Kittitas Valley Event Center buildings by Kittitas Valley canyon place names.

**SANDE DE SALLES, FAIR MARKETING COORDINATOR** explained that in 1997 Landerman-Moore Associates submitted the Kittitas County Fairgrounds Complex Master Plan, which their purpose and objective was to identify "current needs and determine the role of potential of the Fairgrounds related to economic performance and social benefit". In the plan, they recommended, along with the participation of a Citizens Advisory Committee, the Fair Board, the Rodeo Board, and citizens, a marketing principle most relevant to new program development which was identity. She indicated such a change is fundamental to marketing the site for improved public programs and business development. After much research, she suggested changing the following building names: Home Arts building to Teanaway Hall; 4H building to Umtanum Hall; Fine Arts Building to Manastash Room; Youth Craft East to Taneum Room; and the Superintendent's Building to Colockum Room. She recommended keeping the Heritage Center as its current name. She said the public hearing notice was posted in their office, in the paper and the Fair Board members had been provided the information as well.

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

**COMMISSIONER MCCLAIN** moved to approve Resolution No. 2007-42, Approving the Kittitas Valley Event Center Building Names. **COMMISSIONER BOWEN** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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**PUBLIC HEARING DEPT. OF HEALTH - JOINT PLAN OPERATION COMMISSIONERS**

At approximately 4:15 p.m. **CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** opened a public hearing to consider adopting the Washington State Department of Health's Joint Plan of Operation on Group A and Group B water systems.

**CATHY BAMBRICK, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH** gave the history of the Washington State Department of Health's proposed Joint Plan of Operation and urged the Board's approval.

**THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: JAN SHARAR REPRESENTING THE KITTITAS COUNTY CONSERVATION COALITION** distributed a copy of her testimony for the Boards review including information relating to the number of persons served by an Individual Group B Exempt Well; Exempt Group Wells and Requirement of Water Rights. She felt missing in the process of negotiation between the Department of Health and Kittitas County was any coordination with the Department of Ecology related to the gallons used per day and the threshold for requirement of water rights. They felt it was extremely important to include the Department of Ecology in review of exempt well approvals, and suggested using a common identifier such as a parcel number to be included in the Department of Health wells tracking system and the DOE water rights tracking system and the information be routinely shared between state agencies. **PAULA THOMPSON** representing herself questioned the omission of the 25 per person and did not feel it could be removed. **DEIDRE LINK** commented on defining Class A and Class B wells and how most new developments are vacation or secondary homes and how they would eventually be turned over to full time homes. She urged the Board to look to the future on what could happen. **LILA HANSON** expressed concerns about her family farm where there are a lot of developments taking place in the area. She asked if there is anything in the document that would protect single, long term residents who already had existing wells to ensure there are no effects to them. **PAT DENEEN** felt the County and State did a fairly good job revising the Joint Plan of Operation. He agreed there may be some over drilling in areas, especially in the Swauk area.

**COMMISSIONER BOWEN** proposed questions to representatives of the State and County Department of Health. **SCOTT TORPIE, REPRESENTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH** did not have a problem with removing the

definition of small and large. He said a well that is exempt from the permitting process, is not exempt by regulating process. The Department of Ecology would have the authority to regulate the use of the well and the prior rights. **COMMISSIONER BOWEN** felt the County has the service available and the ability to provide those services. **CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** asked if the 25 or more people on a connection threshold should be included within the document. He also asked how LLC's are viewed and processed. **MR. TORPIE** said they do not have a regulatory opinion on that, but the Department of Ecology does, in which they look for common ownership, and the Department of Health does not. **COMMISSIONER McCLAIN** said he felt comfortable with the document; as long as there is no additional language added than what has already been included.

**COMMISSIONER BOWEN** moved to direct staff to work with Department of Health, noting the Boards direction to remove the language relating to small (9 or less) and large (10 or more) and to present a contract to the Board at a future date. **COMMISSIONER McCLAIN** seconded. Motion carried 3-0. **MR. TORPIE** said it could be as late as July 1st to have the document prepared.

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**PUBLIC HEARING                      NON-EXCLUSIVE-PUGET SOUND ENERGY                      PUBLIC WORKS**

At approximately 5:10 p.m. **CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** opened a public hearing to consider a Non-Exclusive Franchise with Puget Sound Energy, Inc. for a County Wide Electrical Franchise.

**BRANDON DREXLER, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR** reviewed a request from Puget Sound Energy for a Non-exclusive electric franchise. He indicated it was a renewal of the current agreement, but was outdated and expired. He said if the Board approved the agreement, it would remain in effect for 25 years.

**THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING:** **JOHN HANSON** said he was a Public Utility District Commissioner and they were unaware of the hearing, and asked for a continuance to allow them to review the agreement. He would like to review the prior contract along with the proposed contract and to see how it would affect the Public Utility District. **KYLE MCCAN, REPRESENTING PUGET SOUND ENERGY** explained the proposed agreement was a renewal of an existing agreement, and the only changes were to the language of liability to make it consistent with PSE & County policy, as well as removing the legal description to accommodate growth a little better. **MR. HANSON** said he would still like to see what the old agreement was. **THERE BEING NO FURTHER TESTIMONY THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**COMMISSIONER McCLAIN** moved to continue the public hearing to Tuesday May 15, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium, Room 109,

Kittitas County Courthouse, to allow comments by the Public Utility District. **COMMISSIONER BOWEN** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD**

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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**Julie A. Kjorsvik**

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**Alan Crankovich, Chairman**