

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

TUESDAY

1:30 P.M.

JANUARY 8, 2008

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

Others present: Darryl Piercy, Community Development Services Director; Trudie Pettit, CDS Planner 1; Scott Turnbull, Planner 11; Dan Valoff, Planner 1; and approximately 5 members of the public.

APPEAL HEARING

JONES 2 LOT SEGREGATION

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At approximately 1:30 p.m. **Chairman McClain** opened a hearing to consider an appeal filed by Wesley Jones, who is appealing an administrative decision made by the Kittitas County Community Development Services denying an application for a 2-lot segregation on approximately 5.16 acres of land that is zoned Rural-3, located east of the City of Cle Elum, North of Red Bridge Road on Teanaway Ridge Way, Cle Elum, WA, 98926, located in a portion of Section 34, T20N, R16E, WM in Kittitas County, map number 20-16-34020-0011. He read the hearing procedures into the record and swore in witnesses.

Darryl Piercy, Community Development Services Director gave an overview of the Appeal. He stated the application was submitted in July of 2007 before the clarification of County Code and the Code at that time was silent on parcel segregation. They had not had a specific case of intervening ownership through the use of a private easement for the purpose of developing irrigation and did not feel we could approve it under the current code where interpretation would be needed or they would have set a policy precedent. He felt they had to look to previous direction or to the code and they had to deny the application of Mr. Jones under the current code.

Philip Lamb, Attorney representing Wesley Jones stated he appreciated the information packet Ms. Pettit had put together and thought Mr. Piercy had stated the facts very well. He reiterated the difference in the County Code now, and he believes the current code addresses the application of Mr. Jones.

Wesley Jones, appellant, testified he applied for the division of ground so he could leave his property to his two children. He believes some portions of the property are not usable in one piece and that it made sense to divide along the irrigation ditch.

Philip Lamb said under the new language in the code he does not think it would set a precedent to allow this segregation. **THERE**

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

Vice-Chairman Crankovich moved to uphold appeal by Wesley Jones and to allow land segregation as originally applied for. **Commissioner Bowen** seconded.

Commissioner Bowen stated there are small parcels in the area but they do not dominate the area and most of the lots have homes on them. He does not think this will change the area.

Motion carried 3-0.

Darryl Piercy said he would draft a Resolution and bring it back for Board consideration.

Chairman McClain moved to continue the appeal hearing to January 15, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. during the regular agenda session. **Vice-Chairman Crankovich** seconded. **Commissioner Bowen** stated the continuation is to consider enabling documents. Motion carried 3-0. Record is closed.

Meeting adjourned approximately 2:30 p.m.

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Mark McClain, Chairman