

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

**TUESDAY**

**2:00 P.M.**

**FEBRUARY 5, 2008**

Board members present: Chairman Mark McClain; Vice-Chairman Alan Crankovich; Commissioner Davis Bowen.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Brandon Drexler, Public Works Director; Jan Ollivier, Transportation Manager; Christina Wollman, Public Works; Judy Pless, Budget & Finance Manager; and approximately 10 members of the public.

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

**SUNCADIA PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

At approximately 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN McCLAIN** opened the public hearing continued from January 15, 2008 to consider Suncadia's Performance Guarantee Revisions/Modifications: Removal of JELD-WEN's Contractual Obligation from Past Performance and General Guarantees, and Extension of Resolution# 2006-150 to 2008. He noted the record was closed.

**BRANDON DREXLER, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR** recommended continuing the public hearing to February 19, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. and to consider reopening the hearing for additional public testimony.

**CHAIRMAN McCLAIN** asked if anyone in attendance would like to testify. No one requested to testify.

**COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** moved to continue the public hearing to Tuesday February 19, 2008 and to authorize the Clerk to publish another notice, noting the Board would re-open the hearing to consider additional testimony. **COMMISSIONER BOWEN** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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**APPEAL HEARING**

**MARKUS SHORT PLAT**

**CDS**

At approximately 2:03 p.m. **CHAIRMAN McCLAIN** opened the public hearing continued from January 15, 2008 to consider an appeal from Jack & Velma Henry of an administrative decision denying a Road Variance request relating to property located on Lot #3 of the Markus Short Plat. He noted the record was closed.

**BRANDON DREXLER, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR** gave an update and reviewed the County Code and liability to the County. He recommended denial of the secondary access request from Jack and Velma Henry.

**MR. HENRY, APPELLANT** said he agreed with the County that they can get in to their property with his dump truck using the current easement, but he brought up several safety issues. He said he tries to keep his dump truck away from the traffic on Game Farm Road while turning on to the easement. He said there are other homes currently being built and did not realize it also serves as a bus stop for children.

**MR. DREXLER** said the most recent traffic study completed showed there were approximately 1,000 trips per day on Game Farm Road. **DAVE WYHURST** said he lives adjacent to the appellant's property and explained that Game Farm Road is a fairly narrow road and is a huge safety factor. He felt it would be beneficial to the public for the Henry's to have their own access.

**COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** said with his knowledge of the road system being previously on the road maintenance crew, he was familiar with what it takes to get into tight areas with large trucks. He appreciates Mr. Henry's concern and reasoning for safety and road deterioration. He felt variances are for extreme exceptions to the rule and after giving consideration to all the factors and that the applicant is willing to provide the benefits for public safety he would support the request. **COMMISSIONER BOWEN** noted there were other property owners on the lane and said the large truck could cause potential issues on the road. He said it seems to makes more sense to have them have its own access and to not block the lane while trying to maneuver the vehicle on his lot. He felt variances are for those whose circumstances don't fit into the County Code. **CHAIRMAN McCLAIN** said variances are for those where "one size does not fit all" situations.

**COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** moved to reverse the variance committee's decision and uphold the appeal from Jack and Velma Henry and allow the variance as requested. **COMMISSIONER BOWEN** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** moved to continue the public hearing to Tuesday February 19, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium, Room 109, Kittitas County Courthouse. **COMMISSIONER BOWEN** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

At approximately 2:20 p.m. **CHAIRMAN McCLAIN** opened a public hearing to consider the use of funds relating to House Bill 1386 for the Promotion of Historical Preservation or Historical Programs.

**ERIN BLACK, DIRECTOR OF KITTITAS COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM** explained that non-profit groups involved in history, museums and historic preservation, met and designed a proposed grant program to disburse funds collected by the County under House Bill 1386. She said there were eight project proposals for the Board to consider awarding funds for the promotion of historical preservation or historical programs. She said the total amount being requested was \$26,533.21.

**BARBARA FOSTER, DIRECTOR FOR THE ELLENSBURG RODEO HALL OF FAME** appreciated the Boards consideration for preserving Ellensburg Rodeo photographs. **SHANNON BRITE, HISTORIC ELLENSBURG** asked for funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 to assist with the historic train depot project. **BOB WIEKING, REPRESENTING THE KITTITAS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** asked for the Boards support of their request in the amount of \$1,037.61 to assist with computers, internet availability and a catalogue and an index system. **GORDON HAZOLD, REPRESENTING THE KITTITAS COUNTY HERITAGE CENTER ASSOCIATION** asked for the Boards support for \$300.00 to assist them with a springtime event celebrating the history and heritage of Kittitas County. **ERIN BLACK, REPRESENTING THE KITTITAS COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM** requested \$5,000.00 to assist with the archival of over 800 maps to ensure the longevity of their collection. **GRACE ELKINS, DIRECTOR OF THE ROSLYN HISTORICAL MUSEUM** reviewed their request for \$2,000.00 which would assist preserving the mining photos and documents at their museum. **TANNER DOTZAUER, COORDINATOR OF THE THORP MILL TOWN HISTORIC PRESERVATION SOCIETY** requested the Board approve funding \$2,010.00 to repair and renovate the exterior damage to the Thorp Grist Mill.

**JUDY PLESS, BUDGET & FINANCE MANAGER** explained House Bill 1386 which was approved by the legislature in July 2005, which created a surcharge on the recording of all documents, noting one dollar of the surcharge shall be deposited in the General Fund and used to promote historical preservation or historical programs. She noted there was approximately \$38,192.92 in the fund. **COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** noted this is the first request of this type and asked for additional time to make sure the requests fall under the requirements of the RCW's so they are not violating anything. He recognized the County has not adopted the draft grant program, but noted he had no issue with what was being requested. **COMMISSIONER BOWEN** said he had been contacted in the fall by the groups and the proposed grant program was a result of those conversations. **CHAIRMAN McCLAIN** suggested creating a Resolution which would create a process

and have legal review it. **COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** said he sees it similar to the funding requests for Hotel/Motel funds. **KEITH ESLINGER** expressed his support of the Board to formalize a process to be fair for everyone who would like to apply for funding assistance. **THERE BEING NO ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**COMMISSIONER BOWEN** offered to prepare a Resolution which would outline the process.

**COMMISSIONER BOWEN** moved to continue the public hearing to Tuesday February 19, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium, Room 109, Kittitas County Courthouse. **COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** seconded. Motion carried 3-0

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**PUBLIC HEARING                      OPEN SPACE TIMBER APPLICATION                      COMMISSIONERS**

At approximately 2:50 p.m. **CHAIRMAN McCLAIN** opened a public hearing to consider requests for reclassification as Open Space Timber Land and Current Use Tax Assessment under the Open Space Taxation Act for Theodore L. Leavitt and B Diane Jasper.

**MANDY ROBINSON, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD** reviewed Open Space Timber Applications from Mr. Theodore Leavitt for Map Numbers 20-14-18000-0016 and 20-14-18000-0017. She indicated the parcel numbers and information had been reviewed by the Assessor's office and a Forest Management Plan had been provided along with the appropriate application fee.

**MR. LEAVITT, APPLICANT** offered to answer any questions the Board may have. **THERE BEING NO ONE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** moved to approve the Open Space Timber Application submitted by Theodore Leavitt and authorize the Chair to sign an Open Space Timber Taxation Agreement. **COMMISSIONER BOWEN** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**MANDY ROBINSON, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD** reviewed the Open Space Timber Application submitted by Ms. B. Diane Jasper for Map Number 20-17-18000-0011. She indicated the parcel number had been reviewed by the Assessor's office and a Forest Management Plan had been provided along with the appropriate application fee.

**MS. JASPER, APPLICANT,** offered to answer questions the Board may have. **MR. KENNETH C. RATLIFF, CONSULTING FORESTER** felt the application fit well with the requirements and urged the Board to

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

**COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** moved to approve the Open Space Timber Application submitted by B Diane Jasper and to authorize the Chair to sign an Open Space Timber Taxation Agreement. **COMMISSIONER BOWEN** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

**SINCLAIR ROAD**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

At approximately 2:55 p.m. **CHAIRMAN McCLAIN** opened a public hearing to consider adding Sinclair Road onto the County Road System and establish a speed limit and stop sign on that road.

**JAN OLIVIER, PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEER** reviewed a proposed petition to add Sinclair Road on to the Kittitas County Maintenance System. She noted a public hearing was scheduled for March 4, 2008 to adopt a road name for this segment and recommended this public hearing be continued to that time. **THERE WAS NO ONE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY. THE BOARD KEPT THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING OPEN.**

**COMMISSIONER BOWEN** moved to continue the public hearing to add Sinclair Road onto the County Road System and establish a speed limit and stop sign to Tuesday March 4, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium, Room 109, Kittitas County Courthouse. **COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

**CAPITAL FACILITIES PLAN**

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At approximately 3:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN McCLAIN** opened a public hearing to consider adopting the 2008-2013 Capital Facilities Plan.

**DARRYL PIERCY, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES** explained the Capital Facilities Plan is adopted by reference in the Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan and as a result of that action, it is necessary to update it each year to remain current and consistent. He reviewed the proposed projects for the period 2008-2013. He also referenced available REET funds which has an available balance of \$1,405,316.70. **COMMISSIONER BOWEN** noted the curtain wall project for the Courthouse should be added to the list. **COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** would like to see a list comparing what was requested and what is still needed from the Fair Director. **COMMISSIONER McCLAIN** suggested adding a \$6,000,000.00 for the administrative office remodel. **COMMISSIONER BOWEN** offered to get language to Piercy.

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

**COMMISSIONER BOWEN** moved to continue the public hearing to Tuesday February 19, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium, Room 109, Kittitas County Courthouse to review enabling documents.

**COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

It was noted the Fairgrounds Director was to provide a list of items.

Meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD**

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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**Julie A. Kjorsvik**

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**Mark McClain, Chairman**