

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

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

AUGUST 5, 2008

Board members present: Vice-Chairman Alan Crankovich and Commissioner Linda Huber. Absent - Chairman Mark McClain.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Darryl Piercy, Director of Community Development Services and 6 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING

HEARINGS EXAMINER RULES OF PROCEDURE

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At approximately 2:00 p.m. **VICE-CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** opened a public hearing to consider adopting the Rules of Procedure for proceedings before the Kittitas County Hearings Examiner.

DARRYL PIERCY, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES reviewed draft language relating to the Rules of Procedure for Proceedings before the Kittitas County Hearing Examiner. He indicated the document had been reviewed by the Prosecutors office and they suggested minor changes. The hearing examiner said he could conduct hearings on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month or the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month in the evening. Mr. Piercy suggested holding them on the 2nd and 4th Thursday because those evenings would not conflict with any other County board such as the Planning Commission, Board of Adjustment, etc. He said they will monitor the meeting schedule and a yearly report will be done by the hearing examiner. The agreement was a template that had been used between the City of Kittitas and the Hearing Examiner.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: LARRY FULLER submitted a letter of resignation from the Planning Commission. He felt the Planning Commission volunteers their time free of charge and by paying a Hearing Examiner is a waste of tax payer's money. He felt the Planning Commission works very hard in making their decisions and the work load that will be left for them will not be worth his time. **COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** thanked Mr. Fuller for volunteering his time and hard work on the Planning Commission. **CATHERINE CLERF** Vice-Chair of the Land Use Advisory Committee felt the County will have a difficult time filling the positions on the Planning Commission. She felt there were many holes in the County Code and that the problems were with the comprehensive and development code which need to be addressed. She believed if more citizens knew how much the County was going to pay a Hearings Examiner there would be more of an

outcry. **CHAD BALA TERRA DESIGN GROUP** thanked Larry Fuller and Planning Commission members for their time and hard work. He felt a Hearing Examiner will provide better findings of facts, a clearer record in order to protect the citizens of Kittitas County and in the end will save the county money. **THERE BEING NO ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

COMMISSIONER HUBER moved to approve and direct staff to implement the Rules of Procedures for a Hearing Examiner process with the additions suggested by the Prosecutor's office and to establish a meeting date of the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month **VICE-CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Julie A. Kjorsvik

Alan Crankovich, Vice-Chairman