

**COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
KITTTAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
SPECIAL MEETING
KITTTAS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS/EVENT CENTER
TEANAWAY HALL (HOME ARTS BUILDING)**

WEDNESDAY

6:00 P.M.

OCTOBER 29, 2008

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Scott Turnbull, CDS Staff Planner; Dan Valoff, CDS Staff Planner; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor; Brent Bottoms, Deputy Prosecutor and approximately 25 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING

EWGHB ORDER

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At approximately 6:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN McCLAIN** opened a public hearing to address issues raised in the Eastern Washington Growth Management Hearing Board Order and Kittitas County's response to come into compliance with the Order. He indicated testimony would be limited to three minutes each and the written record would be closed to testimony on Friday October 31, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

DAN VALOFF, CDS STAFF PLANNER reviewed the documents that had been given to the Board, stating that they were the same materials that had been in front of them back in May of 2008 and they had been available on the CDS website for public review. He said there was a redlined zoning ordinance and associated map's available for the Boards review.

NEIL CAULKINS, DEPUTY PROSECUTOR explained how the hearing was related to a compliance appeal of the County's Comprehensive Plan brought by Futurewise, Ridge, Kittitas County Conservation Coalition & the Washington State Community, Trade & Economic Development who had challenged a variety of issues. He said the County was found to be non-compliant on some issues and valid in others. He reviewed each of the 14 issues outlined in the Order. He submitted the following into the record for the Boards review: City of Kittitas Ordinance 07-011, amending and updating the Comprehensive Plan; a letter dated 9/17/07 from the Community, Trade and Economic Development; Washington State Supreme Court Appeal Case #80115-1 Thurston County v. Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board; RCW 36.70A.030-Definitions. He explained how the Growth Management Act requires Comprehensive Plans to contain future land use maps and zoning maps so they are consistent. He reviewed provisions of the Growth Management Act including local circumstances along with policies and definitions that need to be met.

MR. VALOFF entered into the record an email from Dean Curtis; a letter from Dale Kerslake; an email from City of Kittitas; and RCW 36.70A and WAC 365-190 administrative rules.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: JEFF JONES REPRESENTING THE COUNTY'S FOREST LANDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE gave endorsement of their final recommendations for de-designation and designation of commercial forest lands of long term significance. He said they felt their criteria is stronger and requested the Board adopt their recommendations (the second set due to the first having a minor error). **JIMMY APPELEGATE**

submitted a letter into the record claiming that Kittitas County has fought a good and legitimate battle and have represented the majority of their constituents very well. He said they have defended the rights of private property owners and supported the importance of local control and decision making. **JESSICA GLEASON** spoke in favor of the Urban Growth annexation for the City of Kittitas and hoped the County would work with them. **MICHAEL DARLAND** spoke in favor of declaring Snoqualmie Pass area a Type 1 LAMRID and that the area should be studied. He felt the people who brought the appeal forward has only one planner and the rest are lawyers and activists. **TREVER COSONICH SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF SNOQUALMIE SUMMIT** said they have been working with US Forest Service on their EIS for a Master Development Plan. He said they have seen more growth than anticipated and they want to be prepared for the demand. He encouraged the Board to make the designation with appropriate balance commercial, recreational. He also submitted a letter into the record from Dan Brewster. **CATHERINE CLERF, FORMERLY ON LAND USE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF HERSELF** spoke of the Snoqualmie Pass area and how it is for large recreation development in County and is well served. She reminded everyone of the mapping exercise the Land Use Advisory committee did which is available for review in the Community Development Services Department and felt the Hearings Board should have access to those mapping exercises. She thought there should be an emphasis put on industrial land use in the County. **CHAD BALA REPRESENTING TERRA DESIGN GROUP** submitted information into the record. He spoke to Issue #5 and referenced the November 28, 2007 COG meeting that he was at and encouraged the Board to review those minutes. **JIM PLATT** speaking on behalf of Marty Lake, Inc. spoke of down zoning large acre tracks for Forest Lands. He said they have done everything the County has asked for and have the water, sewer, access and zoning already in place. He indicated they have a very voluble plan at Exit 52 to Snoqualmie Pass. **JAMES BOYLE** felt nothing had been done over the past 2 years and asked the Board to change the town of Ronald to a LAMRID 1 designation since it's qualified to be one.

COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH moved to continue the public hearing to Monday November 3, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the Kittitas County Events Center, Teanaway Hall, and for the written record to remain open until Friday October 31, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. **COMMISSIONER HUBER** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

Julie A. Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board

Mark McClain, Chairman