

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

MONDAY

1:30 P.M.

MARCH 16, 2009

Board members present: Chairman Alan Crankovich; Vice Chairman Paul Jewell; Commissioner Mark McClain.

Others: Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Jan Ollivier, Transportation Manager; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor; Dan Valoff, Planner II; Kirk Holmes, Public Works Director/Interim Community Development Services Director; Jeff Watson, Planner I; Leonard Bowers, CTED; Fred Huber, Mayor of Kittitas.

SPECIAL MEETING

CTED

COMMISSIONERS

At 1:30 p.m. Chairman Crankovich opened a special meeting to meet with, representatives from Community Trade & Economic Development (CTED) regarding Comprehensive Plan Compliance.

Jan Ollivier, presented copies to the Board of the draft Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan, GMA Compliance Work Program.

Leonard Bowers, representing CTED explained what Kittitas County needs to do to be brought into compliance. He explained the history of our interaction with/CTED. He expressed CTED's desire to re-establish a relationship that has been interpreted as "dying" with Kittitas County.

Commissioner Crankovich expressed his concern over the communication obstacles relaying messages from CTED and staff to the BOCC. He expressed his frustration with all the setbacks we have faced trying to work with CTED.

Commissioner McClain expressed his agreement with Commissioners Crankovich's feelings. He also felt that the way things are going right now between the two entities are not doing their constituents any favors.

Mr. Bowers expressed his apologies for the on-going confusion and the hurdles the County is continuing to be faced with.

Commissioner McClain questioned if there are any sticking points with CTED.

Neil Caulkins, referenced the list provided in the packet from Jan Ollivier, that out of the 14 issues, there is one that is not being appealed. He indicated that the UGA is where Kittitas County is wrestling with.

Mr. Bowers agreed they are not at "logger heads" in that area. He offered CTED's support in getting through the process.

Commissioner Crankovich questioned UGN's.

Timelines were discussed with Mr. Bowers regarding Lamrids, UGN's and UGA's.

Commissioner McClain asked on how you recognize the wants and desires of a small towns, but yet comply with CTED.

Commissioner Crankovich expressed confusion and gave examples of towns that use to be big, and are now small, and those small towns are now told they cannot handle more growth.

Commissioner McClain questioned how they document, so the Hearings Board will buy off on cases that are being appealed.

Dan Valoff, explained that there is no one town that is the same and we cannot be held to a "one size fits all" scenario. He said it doesn't work and CTED having a standard that they feel will work across the board, is unfair. He indicated that they needed to have instances that are specific to this area.

Commissioner Jewell questioned if our level of detail is just not adequate for the Hearings Board.

Mr. Bowers indicated that they only look at the record. He explained that the Board should be looking at what they can commit the County to for the next twenty years through the Comp Plan. He gave some examples of what other Counties are doing and where they are struggling with coming into compliance. He assured the Board that Kittitas County is not the only County feeling the pressure.

Commissioner McClain asked if CTED is willing to have the County bounce ideas off, of the CTED staff to get their input.

Mr. Bowers indicated that CTED is willing to work with Kittitas County and provide feedback.

Dan Valoff, reviewed Census counts and his experience with them in Chelan County. He explained that the problem with vacation towns is the counts are not accurately accounted for, unless you have some sort of tracking mechanism in effect.

Mr. Bowers thanked the Commissioners and County staff for their time and indicated that CTED willing to work the County at anytime.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:30 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

Mandy Robinson

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Alan Crankovich, Chairman