

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

**THURSDAY**

**1:30 P.M.**

**AUGUST 27, 2009**

Board members present: Chairman Alan Crankovich, Vice-Chairman Paul Jewell and Commissioner Mark McClain.

Others: Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Ryan Berge, Public Works Road Crew Foreman; Brenda Larsen, County Fire Marshal; Steve Panattoni, Patrol Sgt; Cathy Bambrick, Public Health Administrator.

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**RAVET NOISE VARIANCE**

**COMMISSIONERS**

At 1:30 p.m. Chairman Alan Crankovich opened a special meeting to consider a request for a variance to the County codes noise ordinance from Tim Ravet of Tarp-It Inc. He indicated that a letter had been submitted from Mr. Ravet along with a Special Event Application that had been routed for review to all interested County departments. He reviewed the letter into the record and explained that the Ravet's are holding their annual employee appreciation party and it is to begin at 5:00 p.m. and end at 4:30 a.m. He indicated that they anticipated 650 people to be in attendance and they would not be selling tickets; and that their party was by invite only. He explained that the letter detailed out the precautions that will be taken so minor's are not served alcohol and that they have obtained all the necessary permits for food and alcohol service. He indicated that there will be live music featuring the Afrodisiacs and Blackhawk beginning at 7:30 p.m. and ending at 3:00 a.m. and that Phoenix Security will be hired to provide security. He also noted that Mr. Ravet had requested that off duty Sheriff's Deputy's be present if possible. Mr. Ravet's letter also indicated that parking will be available and there will be people to direct traffic for the parking as well as sani-cans, and Waste Management is providing a large bin to handle the cleanup of all garbage. He also noted that the letter indicated insurance would be provided as soon as it was obtained.

Commissioner McClain questioned how you could request a variance to a "crime". He explained that a violation of a noise ordinance to his understanding, is a crime and treated as a misdemeanor. He was unclear as to why we were concerning the County with this and felt that it is a request they should work out with the Sheriff's Department.

There was discussion on how this event was any different than a wedding or any other private party. Ms. Bambrick indicated that they can't police food handling at weddings, etc they can only hope events like this and others are catered. There was discussion on similar events like this coming through the Commissioners, but in the form of an festival permit and what the difference was.

Mr. Panattoni indicated that in previous years this event has been held and Mr. Ravet has a very first class event. He expressed his biggest concern was that the location of the event is right where the Traffic Safety Corridor is and that the County has worked very hard at improving that area and he would hate to see it change.

The Board determined that they would continue the meeting to allow time for questions to be answered by the Prosecutor regarding if and how the County can allow for a variance to a "crime". Staff was directed to contact Mr. Ravet to ask him or a representative of his organization to attend the continued meeting to answer questions that the Board may have.

Vice-Chairman Jewell moved to continue the special meeting to Tuesday, September 1, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Auditorium Room #109 to allow for legal review pertaining to the noise variance request. Commissioner McClain seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

**DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD**

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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**Mandy Robinson**

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**Alan Crankovich, Chairman**