

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

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 1, 2009

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

Others: Catherine Dunn, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Stephanie Happold, Deputy Prosecutor; Kirk Holmes, Public Works Director/Interim Community Development Services Director; Lisa Young, Human Resources Manager; Tom Kelly, Public Works Construction Manager; Kelly Carlson, Administrative Assistant, Buck Dawson and Bob Seelye, Civil Service Commission; and 7 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS

At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** opened a public hearing to consider a proposed ordinance to increase the Kittitas County Civil Service Commission for the Sheriff's Office from three to five members.

Stephanie Happold, Deputy Prosecutor said that this year the legislature has amended RCW 41.14 allowing counties to increase the membership of Civil Service Commission for the Sheriff's Office from 3 to 5. **Chairman Crankovich** said he had asked the Prosecutor to pursue this as the Civil Service Commission has had trouble maintaining a quorum at their meetings. **Commissioner McClain** agreed that it was difficult to get a quorum at every meeting with only three members.

Chairman Crankovich asked how to verify the political party of the applicants as required by KCC 2.17.15. **Deputy Prosecutor Happold** replied that it could be on the application or asked during the interview process.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING ON THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

MEMBERSHIP INCREASE: **Buck Dawson** member of the Civil Service Commission said he supported this proposal as they have had trouble with attendance at the Civil Service Commission Meetings. **Bob Seelye** said that as a new Civil Service Commission member he had not yet attended a meeting but thanked the Board for increasing the number of Commission members. **THERE BEING NO ONE ELSE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

Commissioner McClain moved to approve Ordinance 2009-18 increasing the membership of the Civil Service Commission from three to five members. **Chairman Crankovich** seconded the motion. **Commissioner McClain** thanked the members present for their service. Motion carried, 2-0 (Vice-Chairman Jewell absent).

PUBLIC HEARING

FRANCHISE WPA ROAD

PUBLIC WORKS

At 2:05 p.m. **CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** opened a public hearing to consider granting a Non-Exclusive Irrigation Franchise on WPA Road in Section 8, Township 16, Range 20, Kittitas County, Washington.

TOM KELLY, PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION MANAGER, reviewed a staff report and indicated the proposed Non-Exclusive Franchise Agreement was similar to the other ones that have been approved in the past. He said the Franchisee proposed installation of a 6 inch PVC irrigation water pipe in the County Right of Way along WPA Road. **Chairman Crankovich** said with questions regarding where the Rights of Way exist on roads in the Badger Pocket area, was Mr. Kelly sure where the Right of Way lies on WPA Road. **Mr. Kelly** said he had done research on the Road Right of Way and sent the survey crew out to confirm the location.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: Jennifer Ellis for John Ufkes representing the Dennis Jensens read a letter from Mr. Ufkes into the record. The letter stated that the Irrigation was not necessary; it is not authorized until the adjacent landowners also consent to an easement; the irrigation franchise would interfere with another landowner's responsible farming practices and should be denied. **Mary Lowe,** WPA Road said that the survey of the Hunt property indicated there was a 20 foot easement. She said she would like to see a 60 foot easement. **Chairman Crankovich** said the 60 foot easement was the road Right of Way. **Ken Jensen,** 470 WPA Road, asked when the 60 foot Right of Way was obtained and how. **Chairman Crankovich** read a letter into the record from **Patty and Michael Krahenbuhl** regarding concerns about the work they had recently done on the ditch in front of their home. **THERE BEING NO ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

Chairman Crankovich said there were some legal questions on this Franchise. The 60 foot Right of Way was one question as well as the questions brought up in John Ufkes letter. He said that this requires legal review by the Prosecutors office.

Commissioner McClain said the legal question he sees is whether someone can use the County authority to allow someone else to dig on another's private property. He said his answer was no.

AGREEMENT

FRANCHISE WPA ROAD

PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner McClain moved to deny a Non-Exclusive Irrigation Franchise on WPA Road, located in Section 8, Township 16, Range 20 Kittitas County. **Chairman Crankovich** seconded. Motion carried 2-0 (Commissioner Jewell absent).

PUBLIC MEETING

TARP IT NOISE VARIANCE

COMMISSIONERS

At 2:20 **Chairman Crankovich** opened a public meeting continued from August 27, 2009 to consider a request for a Noise Ordinance Variance from Tim Ravet of Tarp It. They are having an appreciation party for their customers on September 6, 2009 which will go beyond the 10:30 p.m. noise cutoff listed in KCC 9.45.030.

Commissioner McClain moved to approve the Variance to the Noise Ordinance requested by Tim Ravet of Tarp It. **Chairman Crankovich** seconded the motion. Motion carried, 2-0 (Commissioner Jewell absent).

Meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Catherine G. Dunn

Alan Crankovich, Chairman