

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

MONDAY

11:00 AM

DECEMBER 07, 2009

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

Others: Catherine Dunn, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Cathy Bambrick, Public Health Administrator; Kirk Holmes, Director of Public Works and Interim Director of Community Development Services; James Rivard, Environmental Health Supervisor; Brent Bottoms, Deputy Prosecutor.

SPECIAL MEETING

SITE EVALUATIONS

PUBLIC HEALTH

At 11:00 a.m. **Chairman Alan Crankovich** opened the special meeting regarding a continued discussion on the process for site evaluations for septic systems.

Cathy Bambrick said that the Prosecutor's Office was reviewing the soil logs policy and has some concerns. She said they need to expound on the soil evaluation done at Preliminary Platting, for instance, when a more intensive septic system is needed.

Vice-Chairman Jewell asked whether it was necessary to have site plans showing house placement, well placement and septic system placement before the platting is complete. He said he thought that was excessive.

Cathy Bambrick said before final approval is issued, a complete analysis of each lot in a plat is done. She said if the house is moved from the plat placement, then it would require a plat amendment. At present it is just necessary to see if the lot supports a septic system, the more intense analysis is done at the issuance of a building permit.

Vice-Chairman Jewell said he thought this was onerous and restrictive.

James Rivard explained that the WA ST Department of Health had said that their current review method is fine. They had never required placement on mylars.

Cathy Bambrick said the Department of Health's intent when the law was written, was not to require a site evaluation at platting. Their

larger concern is wellhead protection. She said the County can require a plat notation that each well will have a wellhead protection zone.

Brent Bottoms agreed saying at least having the wellhead protection zone by final approval.

Kirk Holmes said the County might be missing an opportunity to look at some of the problems such as high water table flooding, etc.

Chairman Crankovich said the wellhead protection zone would be the best step to take. It's not too much, but offers some protection.

Vice-Chairman Jewell agreed and said that at some times a site evaluation would be appropriate.

Cathy Bambrick asked about informing the development community. **Vice-Chairman Jewell** suggested sending out a letter.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Catherine Dunn

Alan Crankovich, Chairman