

COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS AUDITORIUM
SPECIAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY

2:00 P.M.

JANUARY 19, 2011

Board members present: Chairman Paul Jewell, Vice-Chairman Alan Crankovich and Commissioner O'Brien.

Others: Catherine Dunn, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Tom Kelly, Construction Manager; Dana Cowger, Varela and Associates and Pedro Howard, Water District #6 and one person representing the public.

PUBLIC HEARING

STEVE WILLARD FRANCHISE

PUBLIC WORKS

At 2:00 p.m. **Chairman Jewell** opened a public hearing continued from January 18, 2011, to consider a non-exclusive Irrigation franchise on Sanders RD for Steve Willard.

Tom Kelly, Construction Manager explained that Steve Willard proposes installation of a tightline irrigation drainage system in the County right of way along Sanders RD which will connect with an existing bar ditch for irrigation. This will eliminate an open ditch hazard.

Vice-Chairman Crankovich asked if the work had been completed on this project. **Mr. Kelly** said the work had started but was stopped when it was discovered there was no franchise in force for the drain.

THERE WAS NO ONE IN ATTENDANCE, REQUESTING TO TESTIFY SO THE PUBLIC TESTIMONY WAS CLOSED.

IRRIGATION FRANCHISE

STEVE WILLARD

PUBLIC WORKS

Vice-Chairman Crankovich moved to approve Chair's signature on a Non-Exclusive Irrigation Franchise Agreement with Steve Willard along Sanders RD. **Commissioner O'Brien** seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.

Vice-Chairman Crankovich said these projects benefit the County and the franchisee.

APPROVED

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PUBLIC HEARING

CDBG GRANTS

PUBLIC WORKS

At 2:03 p.m. **Chairman Jewell** opened a public hearing continued from January 18, 2011 to consider the review of a Community Development and Housing Needs, to inform citizens of the availability of funds and eligible uses of the State Community Development Block Grant and proposed activities. Up to \$1.5 million may be available to Kittitas County on a Statewide competitive basis to fund a public facility, community facility, economic development and affordable housing projects that principally benefit low-and moderate-income persons, and to consider a CDBG grant application for the Kittitas County Water District #6 in Vantage from WA ST Department of Commerce as well as any other potential CDBG grant applications. He said the record was closed.

Dana Cowger, Varela and Associates, representing the applicant, explained that the Water District #6 has successfully operated its treatment plant since its construction in 1977. While it has been successful in the operation, it is impossible for the community to pay for upgrades considering its 69.8% LMI population. These upgrades included: critical need for equipment replacement and upgrades; a Department of Ecology order to upgrade the preliminary treatment by July of 2012; existing gas chlorination issues near public areas and the aged plant is susceptible to breakdown and potential contamination of the Columbia River. He said the request for the grant is \$854,000.

Vice-Chairman Crankovich said the application included 36 surveys of the residents of Vantage and later in the application, there was a letter to DOE noting there were 50 connections.

Pedro Howard, Chairman, Water District #6 Board of Commissioners, said the trailer court was full and counted in the 2001 letter to the Department of Ecology. He said it was not counted in the more recent surveys.

Vice-Chairman Crankovich said with the grant amount at \$854,000 and the cost estimate at \$975,000, who would pay for any cost overruns. He said he was afraid the County would be obligated since the County applying for the grant. **Commissioner O'Brien** asked about the differences in the amounts.

Mr. Cowger said the entity can only apply for \$25,000 per connection and the number of connections was not as high as anticipated. He said they tried to scale the project to the cost estimate to keep the overrides down. They will do the most important elements first and then do the upgrades they can afford and maintain the budget. He said that then they could package the remaining items and apply for

another grant. **Vice-Chairman Crankovich** said since the County is making the application, he didn't want the County to be liable for cost overrides. **Mr. Cowger** said the preliminary work will include engineering estimate updates and will address some of these concerns. **Chairman Jewell** said he didn't see any contracts in the application materials that would obligate the County.

Vice-Chairman Crankovich expressed concern whether the amount of time used by the Public Works Director and his staff will impact the Department's ability to maintain their level of service.

Chairman Jewell said the grant and work on the Water District #6 treatment plant has beneficial value for the County and for the Community of Vantage.

RESOLUTION 2011-009

CDBG APPLICATION

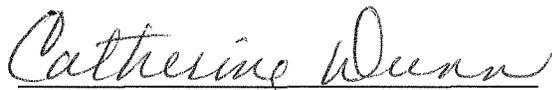
PUBLIC WORKS

Vice-Chairman Crankovich moved for approval and Board signature of Resolution 2011-009, noting change to the signature page to include all Commissioners. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.

Vice-Chairman Crankovich said this project is long overdue and he has been frustrated with the lack of preparation. He said the Water District owes the Director of Public Works and his staff a vote of thanks for their work on this application process.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD


Catherine Dunn

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Paul Jewell, Chairman