

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

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

APRIL 19, 2011

Board members present: Commissioner Paul Jewell, Commissioner Alan Crankovich and Commissioner Obie O'Brien.

Others: Catherine Dunn, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Stephanie Happold, Deputy Prosecutor; Clay Myers, Undersheriff; Patti Johnson, Solid Waste Director; Darrel Ellis, Upper District Court Judge; Mike Johnston, Daily Record.

PUBLIC HEARING PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY COMMISSIONER

At 2:00 p.m. **Chairman Paul Jewell** opened a public hearing to consider the purchase of real property located at 700 East First St, Cle Elum, WA.

Commissioner Crankovich gave a history of the Upper District Court and the subsequent consideration of purchase. He said the Upper District Court has existed since 1966 and has always resided in various leased locations and for unexplained reasons the County has never acquired an UDC building. He said none of the remaining members of the City Council or the Board of Commissioners entering into the original agreement was still in office. He said the conditions for the original agreement have either been met or no longer apply. Under a lease extension in 2007, the City purchased 4+ acres of land from the USFS to construct a City Hall where the Upper District Court would also be set. He said that in September, 2009 pursuant to RCW 3.38.010 the Districting committee was assembled to consider the concept of consolidating into a single District Court with two courts being located in the Courthouse in Ellensburg. He said the committee recommended the District Courts remain as they were. He said that since 2002, Kittitas County has sub-leased a portion of the current court facility to the City of Cle Elum for their Police Department (2,899 sf), and at the end of the three-year lease extension, the total debt accrual is \$160,320. He said he had a meeting with Hein and Hein to discuss a lease extension and asked if they would consider selling the 9,860 square foot building, which they agreed to after some consideration. The terms of the agreement are: purchase price is one million dollars with closing on or before December 31, 2011 to allow sellers to prepare for a 1031 exchange and

purchaser will continue to make monthly payments under the current lease which will apply to the purchase price.

THE PUBLIC TESTIMONY WAS OPENED.

Darrel Ellis, Upper District Court Judge, urged the Board to pursue purchasing of the property. He said the size and parking was appropriate and with some tweaking of the interior, it would serve the Upper District Court for many years. He recommended that the Board proceed.

THERE BEING NO ONE FURTHER REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

PURCHASE 700 EAST FIRST ST, CLE ELUM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Crankovich moved to authorize the purchase of the real property at 700 East First, Cle Elum, WA under the terms of the purchase and sale agreement and the addendum/agreement. **Commissioner O'Brien** seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING AMENDING BOATING CHAPTERS OF TITLE 9 SHERIFF

At 2:17 p.m. **Chairman Paul Jewell** opened the public hearing to consider amending Chapters 9.10, 9.16, 9.17, 9.18 and repealing Chapter 9.12 of the Kittitas County Code regarding Boating.

Undersheriff Clay Myers said the amendments were to bring Kittitas County Code into compliance with the RCW's and the repealed section was redundant, as it was already covered in RCW.

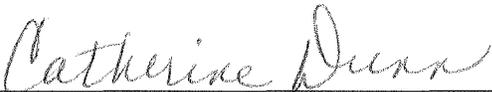
Chairman Jewell asked if Chapter 9.10.035 was a new section. **Undersheriff Myers** said it was taken from another section. **Chairman Jewell** expressed concern that only rowboats were listed, as there was a number of non-motorized watercraft that should be included. **Undersheriff Myers** suggested changing "rowboats" to "non-motorized vessels". He said these changes brought Kittitas County into line with neighboring Grant, Chelan, Douglas and Yakima counties.

THERE BEING NO ONE IN ATTENDANCE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

Commissioner Crankovich moved to approve Ordinance No. 2011-002, with the amendment under KCC 9.10.035 to change "rowboat" to "non-motorized vessels". Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD


Catherine Dunn

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Paul Jewell, Commissioner