

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

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 20, 2011

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Deanna Panattoni, Treasurer; Jan Ollivier, Transportation Manager; Judy Pless, Budget & Finance Manager; Gene Dana, Sheriff; Maria Fischer, Engineer Tech. 1; and approximately 25 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING

SURPLUS COUNTY ASSETS

AUDITOR

At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN JEWELL** opened a Public Hearing to consider the disposition of County assets for the 2011 surplus sale.

JUDY PLESS, BUDGET & FINANCE MANAGER explained that the County has items that need to be declared surplus, as they are no longer of use or need to be transferred to other government agencies or have been junked/broken.

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

RESOLUTION 2011-089

SURPLUS COUNTY ASSETS

AUDITOR

COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH moved to approve Resolution No. 2011-089, Declaring Certain Property Surplus to the County, Hold a Surplus Sale, Transfer Property, and Declare Certain Property Junked or Destroyed. **COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

WATER UTILITY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

COMMISSIONERS

At 2:02 p.m. **CHAIRMAN JEWELL** opened a Public Hearing to consider recommendations by the Upper Kittitas County Water Utility Coordinating Committee, related to the Critical Water Supply Service Area Boundary.

WAYNE NELSON REPRESENTING THE WATER UTILITY COORDINATING COMMITTEE explained how the Upper Kittitas County Water Utility Coordinating Committee had forwarded their report and recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners for their consideration. He indicated the

City of Roslyn is still examining and assessing their future needs as related to water supply, and asked that the committee stay convened, noting they had not provided a specific date to have their review completed by. **COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** suggested holding a Public Hearing at a later date to specifically address the City of Roslyn's needs once they have submitted their recommendation.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: **CATHERINE CLERF** disagreed with Commissioner Crankovich's assessment and felt the Board should wait to take any action at all, until the City of Roslyn has submitted their recommendations. **THERE BEING NO ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH moved to approve and direct staff to prepare enabling documents. **COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN** seconded. **COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** noted the committee's decision to move forward came at the City of Roslyn's request and that they would not object to moving forward, but wanted the County to consider their request at a later date. He noted he had attended the committee meetings, but did not have any input on their recommendations. **CHAIRMAN JEWELL** said the committee was convened at the request of the Cities and not the County. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING RE-SALE OF TAX TITLE PROPERTY COMMISSIONERS

At 2:13 p.m. **CHAIRMAN JEWELL** opened a Public Hearing continued from June 7, 2011 to consider an Application for Re-Sale of tax Title Property of approximately 6.26 acres of land located adjacent to the Columbia River

DEANNA PANATONNI, TREASURER gave a brief history of an application for Re-Sale of Tax Title Property. She said the Board of County Commissioners previously approved Resolution No. 2006-173, stating the Department of Interior owns the property, although the County has not been able to locate any legal documentation of the ownership. She suggested notifying the applicant that the Board cannot take any action relating to the property in question and to refund the \$75.00 application fee.

CHAIRMAN JEWELL felt it was an issue that needed to be cleared up, since it seemed to have come up a couple of different times over the past few years.

COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN moved to deny the application for Re-Sale of Tax Title Property and to close the Public Hearing. **COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** seconded.

CHAIRMAN JEWELL moved to amend the motion to close the Public Hearing, direct the Treasurer to remove the Tax Title Property pending an investigation, and to refund the applicant their \$75.00 fee. **COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING SPEED REDUCTION - REECER CREEK ROAD PUBLIC WORKS

At 2:20 p.m. **CHAIRMAN JEWELL** opened a Public Hearing to consider the reduction of a speed limit on Reecer Creek Road from University Way to a Point North of Dry Creek Road.

JAN OLLIVIER, TRANSPORTATION MANAGER reviewed a Staff Report and indicated they had received letters which have been previously submitted into the record. She said based on the criteria reviewed, the Public Works Department recommended reducing the speed limit to 40 mph on Reecer Creek Road from M.P. 0.00 to M.P. 0.61 (1,500 feet north of the Dry Creek Road intersection) and to amend the Kittitas County Code reflecting the change. They also recommended placing speed limit signs on Reecer Creek Road reflecting the change. She said there are various opportunities to bring attention to the drivers of a change in speed. **CHAIRMAN JEWELL** addressed an application for a speed reduction on Highway Ten, which had been denied by the Public Works Department and was not part of today's consideration. **GENE DANA, SHERIFF** stated they have no objection to the proposed speed reduction on Reecer Creek Road.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: MARK McCLAIN stated he lives in the Currier Creek area and had put in the requests to reduce the speed limit on Reecer Creek Road. He said it has become an urban area with many homes close together and there has been a significant change in the area since the road was first constructed. **JACK MOOREFIELD** addressed safety concerns and supported a reduction of speed on Reecer Creek, and would even support at 35 mph limit since the areas near Bender Road are the same. He discouraged placing rumble strips on the road to notify drivers of the change. **WILLIAM HOSKO** said he lives between Bender and Bowers Roads. He expressed safety concerns since the road has been rebuilt including the limited sight distance, accidents, as well as joggers and bicycles that use the lanes. He encouraged the Board to lower the speed limit beyond Bowers Road and even possibly to Hungry Junction Road. **DAVID PEARSON** said they have noticed a significant increase in the number of cars and speed since they have lived in the area since the late 1980's. He said there are people who have to cross the road to get their mail and with the speed limit it can be extremely dangerous. **WILLIAM RISTOW** felt the evidence from the study is enough to realize there needs to be a reduction in the speed limit. He encouraged the Board to reduce the

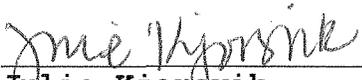
speed to 35 mph to Bender Road. He felt there needed to be more signage on the road at Dry Creek Road indicating there is a junction with a major intersection. **TY FATHERINGILL** expressed support of lowering the speed limit to 35 mph, due to the increased population in the surrounding area and reviewed various safety concerns. **SHIRLEY RISTOW** said there are a lot of young drivers in the area and when it's foggy in the wintertime, the conditions can be very hazardous at the intersection of Reecer Creek Road and Dry Creek Road. **LARRY LOISEAM** supported the proposed reduction in speed and noted safety concerns of school buses trying to make turns, while other vehicles are going at a high rate of speed during the school year. **CATHERINE CLERF** felt the County did not have traffic concurrence and gave examples of other speed limits that have similar densities. **JIM BLEDSOG** felt the current speed was a major concern and supported a reduction in speed. He indicated there are many families in the area and with large trucks going 50 mph, it could result in a tragedy. **MAUREEN THOMPSON** said she has young drivers and was in favor of reducing the speed limit. **JIM GOEBEN** spoke in favor of reducing the speed limit. He said they have asked the post office to move their mailboxes and they declined the request until the County lowers the speed limit. **THERE BEING NO FURTHER TESTIMONY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH explained his support of reducing the speed limit to 35 mph on Reecer Creek Road, and suggested extending it to at least Bender Road. He said he would like to put the flashing speed signs in the area, since it tends to catch the attention of the drivers. **COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN** supported reducing the speed limit to 35 mph to Bender Road and would also appreciate a flashing speed limit sign to be installed as well. **CHAIRMAN JEWELL** asked if there would be any concerns from the Public Works Department if the Board chose to reduce the speed to 35 mph and extend it to Bender Road. **MS. OLLIVIER** said it would not be a problem with them if the Board decided to reduce the speed to 35 mph, noting their first priority is public safety. She said one of the reasons why they suggested a speed limit of 40 mph was because that is what the speed limit is on University Way.

COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH moved to reduce the speed limit to 35 mph on Reecer Creek Road from University Way to Bender Road and to direct staff to prepare enabling documents. **COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD


Julie Kjorsvik

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Paul Jewell, Chairman
