

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

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

FEBRUARY 7, 2012

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Jan Ollivier, Transportation Manager; Kirk Holmes, Public Works Director; Maria Fischer and 8 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING

OPEN SPACE TIMBER - KITCHELL

COMMISSIONERS

At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** opened a Public Hearing to consider a Current Use Open Space Timber application received from Robert & Carolyn Kitchell.

MANDY ROBINSON, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD reviewed a Staff Report on the application received from Robert & Carolyn Kitchell.

VIC MONAHAN, CONSULTING FORESTER said he had prepared the Forest Management Plan for the Kitchell's and felt the application met the criteria, as referenced in the RCW. **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** questioned several items that he felt were not addressed in the Forest Management Plan. **CAROLYN KITCHELL, APPLICANT** said she was aware of what the classification requirements and that the property needed to be managed for commercial forest harvest. **MR. MONAHAN** noted most of the property does not have anything ready for commercial harvesting at this time and the timber is dense. **CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** said they have been asking other applicants to have their plans incorporate thinning (pre-commercial, commercial or anything beyond), five year plans, etc. and this application was not as detailed as they have been requiring of others recently. **MS. KITCHELL** said they want to maintain and manage the forest with no development, and harvest the timber for commercial use. **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** said the applicant needed to provide a more detailed timber management plan reflecting the intent of the law and would be willing to accept an amendment to the plan which would need to include specific language, without them having to reapply and pay another application fee.

CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH moved to continue the Public Hearing to Wednesday February 22, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. to consider an amendment to the Forest Management Plan, noting the record is to remain open. **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

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3/6/2012

PUBLIC HEARING HYAK DRIVE EAST-ROAD MAINTENANCE SYSTEM PUBLIC WORKS

At 2:20 p.m. **CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** opened a Public Hearing to consider adding a portion of Hyak Drive East from MP 0.44 to MP 0.55 onto the County Road Maintenance System.

JAN OLLIVIER, TRANSPORTATION MANAGER reviewed a Staff Report and recommended to the Board that they approve adding a portion of Hyak Drive East from MP 0.44 to MP 0.55 onto the County Road Maintenance System.

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

RESOLUTION 2012-010 HYAK DRIVE EAST PUBLIC WORKS

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to approve Resolution 2012-010, Adopting a Portion of Hyak Drive East onto the Kittitas County Road Maintenance System, from Mile Post 0.44 to Mile Post 0.55. **CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

PUBLIC HEARING NO PARKING AREAS - VIA KACHESS RD PUBLIC WORKS

At 2:22 p.m. **CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** opened a Public Hearing to consider amending Kittitas County Code Chapter 10.07 "No Parking Areas" to allow parking on all of Via Kachess Road from May 1 through October 31 of each year.

JAN OLLIVIER, TRANSPORTATION MANAGER reviewed the proposed request to consider "No Parking Areas" to allow parking on all of Via Kachess Road from May 1 thorough October 31 each year. She reviewed a powerpoint presentation and provided three alternatives with the pros and cons of each option.

SERGEANT DAN MUNGIA, KITTITAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE said the Sheriff was not opposed to the request and did not foresee a problem with enforcement as people were already parking there illegally. He said it's not a huge burden, but did not have an accurate number on how many parking tickets they have given out. **MS. OLLIVIER** said staff recommended limiting parking as much as possible and would prefer it to be the last option if they had to choose one of them.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: MONTY MOORE said he owned two lots in the area and has seen a lot of problems generated from the parking. He said the road was not built to County standards because of the shoulders and if the County were to allow more parking, the general

public would not be able to tell where the private parking begins and ends. **ROGER FOSTER** representing the Board of Directors for the Kachess Community Association, submitted a letter into the record on behalf of the Board opposing the request due to safety concerns and hazards with emergency equipment being able to get into the area. He said he was personally against allowing additional parking because there was so much traffic already in the area, and he is afraid that a child may get hit in the future. **KAREN CAMPBELL** said she is a full time resident in the area and was extremely concerned with safety from reducing the size of the road, as well as additional security issues that may result from allowing additional parking. **JOHN CARLSON** announced he had requested the additional parking and submitted additional letters into the record which supported the additional seasonal parking on Via Kachess Road. He said Via Kachess is a well traveled road in the summer and a groomed snowmobile route in the winter. **BILL CAMPBELL** felt the personal gain by providing a small number of people access to private areas was small compared to the risk of public access. He felt the Sheriff's presence is almost non-existent in the area and unless there is a significant change in staffing in their office, nothing would change. He felt if unlimited parking were allowed in the area, it would only make trespassing issues worse in the area. **THERE BEING NO ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

COMMISSIONER JEWELL said he understands how the property owners want to take advantage of the easement, but their main priority is public safety in the area. He said he was unsure of what the consequences would be with parking on one side of the road. He questioned if there is Code that would allow for a "permitted parking zone" for Kachess Ridge owners only, therefore it would not be an unlimited public parking area, but rather limited to the home owners only. **CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** provided historical information on the area from when he was on the County Road Crew. He felt it would be reasonable for the Homeowners Association to allow for some off road parking, but it was not in the County's best interest to open it up to seasonal parking, as problems would only be compounded. **KIRK HOLMES, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR** said the County could request the two Associations to come together and return with possible solutions, as it is not necessarily the County who should be coming up with solutions for a private matter. He felt the permitting zones as suggested by Commissioner Jewell was intreging and would be interested in seeing what other Counties have done in similar areas. He said they would be willing to facilitate and answer questions about potential use of the County right-of-way, but the responsibility to come up with solutions is the County.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to deny request as presented. **CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** seconded. Motion carried 2-0. The Board encouraged the two Associations to come up with a solution and hoped they would be able

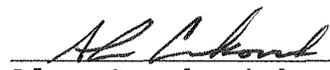
to work out something amenable. They indicated their willingness to help accommodate them, if it involved the County.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD


Julie Kjorsvik

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Alan Crankovich, Chairman