

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

**TUESDAY**

**2:00 P.M.**

**MARCH 6, 2012**

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

Others: Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor; Suzanne Becker, Deputy Prosecutor; Maria Canfield, Public Health Administrator; James Rivard, Environmental Health Supervisor and one member of the public.

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

**RESCIND RESOLUTION # 2010-082**

**COMMISSIONERS**

At 2:00 p.m. Chairman Crankovich opened a Public Hearing to consider rescinding Resolution No. 2010-082 and adopting an updated Administrative Policy regarding potable water requirement for plat approval.

James Rivard, Environmental Health Supervisor reviewed a Staff Report explaining the reasons behind the request to rescind County Resolution No.2010-082 and adopting an updated Administrative Policy regarding potable water requirements for plat approval. He explained that the Board was first informed that a policy update was needed on January 10, 2012. He stated that the Health Department held community forums on February 8, 2012 in Cle Elum and again on February 9, 2012 in Ellensburg to gather public input regarding the policy change. He stated that the Board of County Commissioners were briefed on February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012 during a CDS Study Session and the Kittitas County Board of Health was informed of the policy updates on February 16, 2012. On the February 22, 2012 Agenda Session the Board of County Commissioners authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise a Public Notice to consider Rescinding Resolution No. 2010-082, and Adopting the Updated Administrative Policy regarding Potable Water Requirements for Plat approval, to be held on Tuesday March 6, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium, Room 109, Kittitas County Courthouse 205 West 5th Avenue Ellensburg, WA.

Commissioner O'Brien questioned some of the concerns brought up during the public forums he attended. He explained some of his concerns were based on those that he heard at the public forums, noting some of them were of higher importance than others. Suzanne Becker, Deputy Prosecutor indicated that the proposed policy would be implemented to clear up a great deal of the consistent concerns heard throughout the public forum process. She reviewed how the changes will impact applicants. Commissioner Jewell asked for clarification.

He outlined his understanding of the concerns expressed by Commissioner O'Brien. He also expressed his support of the Prosecutors Office (specifically Suzanne Becker, Deputy Prosecutor) and the response drafted.

There was discussion on how other wells have been impacted and the interaction with DOE.

Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor added additional clarification to the concerns expressed. He stated that the questions that were being discussed were far from the issue before the Board at this time. He expressed his support of Ms. Beckers accurate responses to the Board.

There was discussion on the adjudication process.

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

Chairman Crankovich indicated that the Board had before them Resolution No. 2012-027, which would ratify the revised Kittitas County Public Health Department's Administrative Policy related to Potable Water supply for Subdivisions. Commissioner Jewell asked additional questions of staff. He questioned statements made during Mr. Rivards Staff Report. Mr. Caulkins provided clarification on conditions of preliminary plat approval. Commissioner Jewell referenced the Yelm vs. JZ Knight Case and asked for further clarification on conditions of preliminary plat approval. Mr. Caulkins explained that it was a municipal case and the issues were not brought during the plat process but during the appeal process. He explained that the case went through the entire Supreme Court legal process. Commissioner Jewell explained his understanding as well as how he interpreted the impacts related to the case that have potential to shadow possible Kittitas County issues.

**RESOLUTION 2012-027                      RESCIND RESOLUTION 2010-082                      PUBLIC HEALTH**

Commissioner Jewell moved to authorize Board signature on Resolution No. 2012-027, Ratifying the Revised Kittitas County Public Health Department Administrative Policy related to Potable Water supply for Subdivisions. Commissioner O'Brien seconded. Commissioner Jewell expressed his initial concerns with revisiting the issue, and reviewed how he came to his decision. Commissioner O'Brien explained that he still has some confusion when it comes to the water issues the Board is working on, and outlined how he came to approve Resolution No. 2012-027. Commissioner Crankovich explained his reasoning for his support of the Resolution before the Board and thanked staff for their work. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

  
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Mandy Robinson

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Alan Crankovich, Chairman