

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS AUDITORIUM (MOVED FROM BOCC CONFERENCE ROOM DUE TO
SPACE NEEDS)
SPECIAL MEETING**

WEDNESDAY

2:00 P.M.

APRIL 4, 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; Jeff Tayer, Regional Director of WDFW; Christina Wollman, Planner II; Jim Van De Venter, Maintenance Manager; Ryan Berge, Road Foreman; Doug D'Hondt, Engineer; Kirk Holmes, Public Works Director; Roy Chance, Construction Manager; Mike Johnston, Reporter for Daily Record and 3 members of the public.

SPECIAL MEETING

JEFF TAYER-WDFW

COMMISSIONERS

At 2:00 p.m. Chairman Crankovich opened a Special Meeting to discuss with Jeff Tayer, Regional Director of Washington Department Fish of Wildlife emergency HPA's and Hydraulic permits. He recapped the flooding events that took place last spring and reviewed the infrastructure damage. He explained that it had been brought to the BoCC's attention that there were legal allegations pending. He questioned what had happened and changed. Mr. Tayer felt nothing has changed with regard to the law. He reviewed conversations he had last fall with Public Works staff. He explained that he felt he had a better idea of the details now than he had then however; as he stated last fall he cannot comment until DFW has spoken to the County Prosecutor. He felt that moving forward the priority should be to fix the prior problems so they don't occur again. Commissioner Crankovich reviewed Resolution 2011-048, Declaration of Emergency that was done when that particular flooding event occurred. He wanted to know of any violations the County did. He reminded Mr. Tayer that the County has obligations and did what they had to do with what they understood was to be safe and legal. He indicated that the County doesn't want to get crossways with WDFW, but are trying hard to understand how things have gotten to this.

Commissioner Jewell explained that he been a part of a discussion with Perry Harvester, DFW and Kirk Holmes, Public Works Director regarding an option for the future to have pre-authorized permits. Kirk Holmes, Public Works Director indicated that the County is currently creating an inventory so they can have a better idea of what needs to be included in pre-authorized permits. Commissioner Jewell questioned when it was done ok the permits will be cart

blanch. Kirk Holmes stressed the advantage of the pre authorized permits allowing the County to protect expensive infrastructure when an emergency occurs. Commissioner Jewell questioned when they anticipate having the pre authorized HVA's ready.

Kirk Holmes reviewed the lessons the County has taken from the flooding last year and the tools they have picked up along the way. He felt a fair timeline would be 30 days for the pre authorized permits to be ready. Doug D'Hondt, County Engineer explained that once a permit is issued DFW cannot go back on the permit. He reviewed what an ideal scenario would look like and what contacts would be made as well as how often. He expressed his support of the permits and what they will allow the County to accomplish. Kirk Holmes indicated that this discussion will be on the Public Works study session on Monday April 9, 2012.

Jeff Tayer questioned what the status of the flood control plan was. Commissioner Jewell stated that there is a tentative Public Hearing set for June for the BoCC to consider the proposal.

Commissioner O'Brien questioned property protection rights.

Kirk Holmes felt that both agencies are guilty for not making enough effort to remain in contact throughout the event and valuable lessons were learned. He noted that they are currently planning to hold some different scenario table top exercises.

Meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD



Mandy Robinson

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Alan Crankovich, Chairman