

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

WEDNESDAY

10:00 A.M.

APRIL 18, 2012

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

Others: Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Kirk Holmes, Public Works Director; Doc Hansen, Planning Official; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor; Brenda Larsen, Fire Marshal; Bill Steele, Deputy Fire Marshal; Christina Wollman, Planner II; Dan Valoff, Planner II and two members of the public.

SPECIAL MEETING

ROAD STANDARDS

COMMISSIONERS

At 10:00 a.m. Chairman Crankovich opened a Special Meeting to discuss with County staff second access road standards.

Kirk Holmes, Public Works Director stated that the Road Standard Advisory Committee (citizen's advisory committee, (CAC) had met on April 12, 2012. He briefly reviewed the discussions that took place amongst the members and what concerns came from those discussions and what led to today's meeting.

Christina Wollman, Planner II presented the Board with an updated outline of staff recommendations for the proposed second access requirements. She noted that she discussed with Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor appeals and he was clear that you can only appeal a project once.

Commissioner Jewell reviewed his understanding of the responsibility of the (CAC), and explained that his recollection was that the Road Standard Advisory Committee has full authority to approve or deny a road variance request and if the outcome is not favorable the applicant can appeal to the Board of County Commissioners.

There was discussion on the proposed changes from staff and what the variance process would look like should the Board adopt staff's recommendations. There was additional discussion on private & public roads as well as County Code history and loop holes the (CAC) is working to eliminate within the current County Code.

Commissioner Jewell expressed concerns with regard to making the process too tedious and costly, which in return will just stop building in Kittitas County altogether. There was further discussion

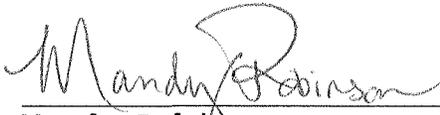
on how the building in Kittitas County has changed over the past few years and what the outcome is if costs continue to rise. Commissioner Jewell felt it was important to provide benefits for both private and public road access or the builders will go elsewhere. He cautioned staff that we don't want cause any unintended consequence of pushing the developers out of our County.

Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor expressed his concerns. He explained that he felt there was time to get the changes being proposed together by September for the Board to consider and potentially formally adopt.

The Board directed staff to strike line (c.) under the staff recommendations presented at today's meeting, titled: 12.01.095 Second Access Requirements, and allow variances. They strongly encouraged the (CAC) to have additional meetings between now and September.

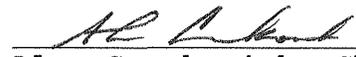
The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD



Mandy Robinson

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Alan Crankovich, Chairman