

**KITTITAS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSIONERS AUDITORIUM
SPECIAL MEETING**

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

MARCH 19, 2013

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

Others: Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Jim Goeben, IT Director; Roy Chance, Construction Manager; Judy Pless, Budget and Finance Manager; Kirk Holmes, Public Works Director; Susan Grindle, CEO HopeSource and 5 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING AMENDING KCC 2.04.010 INFORMATION TECH.

At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** opened a Public Hearing to consider Amending Kittitas County Code Chapter 2.04.010.

JIM GOEBEN, IT DIRECTOR reviewed a Staff Report and explained that in a Board of County Commissioners Department Head Meeting held on February 25, 2013 he had requested to set a Regular Study Session with the Board. at that time staff was directed to set a Public Hearing to consider Amending County Code 2.04.010.

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

ORDINANCE 2013-002 AMENDING KCC .2.04.010 INFORMATION TECH.

VICE-CHAIRMAN JEWELL moved to approve Ordinance 2013-02 amending Kittitas County Code Chapter 2.04.010 Official Meeting time, Section 2-Regular Study Session, to include the Information Technology Department Regular Study Session on the 2nd Monday of every month to be held at 11:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Conference Room #108. **COMMISSIONER BERNDT** seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING CDBG PUBLIC SERVICE FUNDS COMMISSIONERS

At 2:02 p.m. **CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** opened a Public Hearing to consider a review of the community development and housing needs, inform citizens of the availability of funds and eligible uses of the State Community Development Block Grant and proposed activities, particularly from lower income persons residing in

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Kittitas County. Up to \$83,050.00 will be available to Kittitas County and HopeSource to fund public service activities that principally benefit low-and moderate-income persons. He indicated comments on the County and HopeSource program's past performance and use of their 2012 CDBG Public Services Grant will also be received. There were copies available to the public regarding the funding information on the Community Development Block Grant Program from the Department of Commerce along with the Federal Citizen Participation Requirement for Local Government Applicants to the State CDBG Program.

SUSAN GRINDLE, HOPE SOURCE reviewed a staff report and provided a report on how their services benefit the public; how it helps the citizens become self-sufficient through HopeSource University and how the program is not a "handout" but rather it is for struggling families. She indicated there was \$83,050.00 available in CDBG grant funds to provide public services for the period beginning July 2013 through June 30, 2014. She reviewed all of the services that HopeSource can provide to the citizens of Kittitas County and indicated that without the block grant support they could not provide the services to those who need them.

VICE CHAIRMAN JEWELL expressed his appreciation for the report provided and explained that it answered questions he had going into the Public Hearing. **CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** stated that he has sat on the HopeSource Board for 9+ years and feels it's a very important function provided to the citizens in Kittitas County. **VICE CHAIRMAN JEWELL** questioned **CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** and asked if he felt that his membership on the HopeSource Board would cause him conflict and be unable to make a fair decision. **VICE CHAIRMAN JEWELL** asked if there were any objections to **CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** participating in the decision making process of the Public Hearing. There were no objections and **CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** remained seated for the Public Hearing.

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

RESOLUTION 2013-048 CDBG PUBLIC SERVICE FUNDS COMMISSIONERS

VICE CHAIRMAN JEWELL moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-048 Certifications of Compliance for CDBG Public Services Grant only and the application materials for the Community Development Block Grant for Public Service funds in the amount of

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\$83,050.00, Certification of Compliance for CDBG Public Services Grant only. **COMMISSIONER BERNDT** seconded.

The Board expressed their appreciation to HopeSource and the functions they provide to the citizens in need in Kittitas County. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING IRRIGATION FRANCHISE-CITY OF ELLENSBURG DPW

At approximately 2:20 p.m. **CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** opened a Public Hearing to consider an Irrigation Franchise with the City of Ellensburg.

ROY CHANCE, CONSTRUCTION MANAGER reviewed a Staff Report. He explained that the City of Ellensburg currently has multiple Franchise Agreements for various utilities, at various locations, and with various expiration dates, some in fact that have expired. He explained that the City of Ellensburg wishes to renew any expired franchises and simplify their franchise inventory and tracking procedure by combining all of their franchises into a single franchise covering all utilities within a specified franchise area. He stated that a proposed franchise area map had been provided for the Boards review as well as is in text form in the actual franchise agreement.

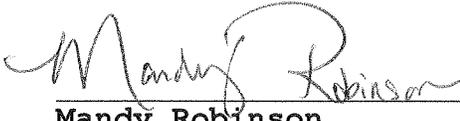
The Board asked questions of the applicant (City of Ellensburg Rep.). **VICE-CHAIRMAN JEWELL** explained that he felt the application was being processed backwards and suggested that since the City of Ellensburg has not yet accepted and approved the Franchise Agreement, the Board should continue the Public Hearing to allow the City of Ellensburg time to process the Franchise Agreement and then staff could bring the Agreement back for consideration.

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

VICE CHAIRMAN JEWELL moved to continue the Public Hearing to April 16, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium Room #109, under Board Discussion and Decision, noting the record was closed. **COMMISSIONER BERNDT** seconded. 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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Chairman Obie O'Brien