

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

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

APRIL 2, 2013

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Marsha Weyand, Assessor; Jan Ollivier, Transportation Manager; Jeff Watson, Staff Planner; Roy Chance; Construction Manager and 5 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING OPEN SPACE TIMBER- GRANDPA'S RANCH COMMISSIONERS

At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** opened a Public Hearing to consider a Current Use Open Space Timber Application from Grandpa's Ranch, LLC (William Whitaker & Mary Labovitch).

MANDY ROBINSON, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD reviewed the Current Use Timber Application from Grandpa's Ranch, LLC. She indicated that Christy Garcia from the Assessor's office had reviewed the application for the parcel number, legal description and acreage which was found to be complete and correct, however since parcel No. 775434 has a home on it, a minimum of 1 acre should be left off the timber application, thus making the application a total of 93.1 acres.

BILL WHITAKER, REPRESENTATIVE OF GRANDPA'S RANCH LLC indicated he was available to answer any questions the Board may have. **MATT ROURKE, FORESTER WITH THE INTERNATIONAL FORESTRY CONSULTANTS, INC.** said the land was better than average for the east side of the Cascades and that the parcels have good forest health, species as well as management potential. He explained the property is close to I-90 with good access and should be very successful with commercial harvesting in the future.

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

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AGREEMENT OPEN SPACE TIMBER- GRANDPA'S RANCH COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to approve a Current Use Open Space Timber Application from William B. Whitaker and Mary Labovitch (Grandpa's Ranch, LLC) for Tax Parcel Numbers 775434, 952259, 835434, 952254, 952257, 685434 and 952256. **COMMISSIONER BERNDT** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING IRRIGATION FRANCHISE - WEAVER PUBLIC WORKS

At 2:25 p.m. **CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** opened a Public Hearing to consider granting an Irrigation Franchise to Paul J. Weaver to cross over Smithson Road.

ROY CHANCE, CONSTRUCTION MANAGER reviewed a request for an Irrigation Franchise from Paul J. Weaver, Trustee within the Smithson Road Right-of-Way. He said the project would include the installation of a buried irrigation line crossing Smithson Road in order to transport water from the K.R.D. ditch on the north side of Smithson to the Weaver Road property on the south side of Smithson. He recommended approval of the request.

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

AGREEMENT IRRIGATION FRANCHISE- WEAVER PUBLIC WORKS

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to approve a Non-Exclusive Water and/or Sewer Franchise to Use County Roads, Rights-of-Way and other County property within Kittitas County, between Paul J. Weaver and Kittitas County. **COMMISSIONER BERNDT** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING FRANCHISE - VERIZON WIRELESS PUBLIC WORKS

At 2:31 p.m. **CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** opened a Public Hearing to consider a County Wide Commercial Public Utility Franchise Application from Verizon Wireless.

ROY CHANCE, CONSTRUCTION MANAGER reviewed an application for a County Wide Commercial Public Utility Franchise from Verizon Wireless. He indicated Resolution 2005-134 transferred rights from Qwest to Verizon, and cited RWC 80.36.040 as precedent. He said the Prosecutors office reviewed the documents and said the

PUBLIC HEARING NO PARKING ZONE KACHESS LAKE ROAD PUBLIC WORKS

At 2:42 p.m. **CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** opened a Public Hearing to consider adding a No Parking Zone on Kachess Lake Road and to Amend Kittitas County Title 10 "No Parking Areas", Section 10.07.010 "Areas Designated".

JAN OLLIVIER, TRANSPORTATION MANAGER explained the request they received from David Houseberg, Acting Chief for Kittitas County Fire District #8 in order to establish a no parking zone in front of Fire Station #82 located at 4771 Kachess Lake Road. The proposed no parking zone would be effective year-round from Milepost 2.895 to Milepost 2.940. She indicated the no parking zone is consistent with RCW 46.61.570(1)(b)(v).

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

ORDINANCE 2013-004 NO PARKING AREAS PUBLIC WORKS

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to approve Ordinance No. 2013-004, Amending Kittitas County Code Title 10 "No Parking Areas" Section 10.07.010 "Areas Designated". **COMMISSIONER BERNDT** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING ROSS PEARSON-OPEN SPACE DESIGNATION PUBLIC WORKS

At 2:48 p.m. **CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** opened a Public Hearing continued from March 5, 2013 to consider an Application from Ross Pearson for Open Space Use Designation. He noted the record was open.

JEFF WATSON, STAFF PLANNER explained that the Commissioners had previously questioned staff as to whether the application would fall under the restrictions of Resolution No. 2002-99, which states that "within platted subdivisions, only those parcels that prohibit residential structures shall be eligible for Open Space or Timberland Classification". He indicated he had spoken with Mr. Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor, and he affirmed that the literal interpretation of a plated subdivision does prevail and said section of Resolution No. 2002-99 would not apply to parcels created through the Short Plat process. He recommended approval of the Pearson Open Space Current Use Application.

MARSHA WEYAND, ASSESSOR explained how they have an "in office" administrative segregation process for the house and one acre, and is put onto a separate taxing parcel. She said the remainder of the parcel is then placed into the requested classification. She felt establishing a County Public Benefit Rating System would provide uniformity and urged the Commissioners to work on getting the system completed as quickly as possible.

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

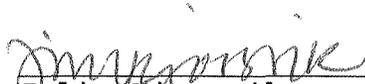
COMMISSIONER JEWELL said he has looked at the application, County Code and RCW's and recommended denying the application. He explained reasons to deny the request including that it was a non-conforming lot; does not provide for scenic vista preservation quality; does not provide for very much public benefit and there is no benefit to shift the tax burden.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to deny the Open Space Current Use Application from Ross Pearson (OC-11-00001). **COMMISSIONER BERNDT** seconded. **CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** felt by granting Open Space to a 3 acre parcel does not serve as a benefit to the public.

Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD



Julie Kjrsvik

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



Chairman Obie O'Brien