

KITTITAS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSIONERS AUDITORIUM
SPECIAL MEETING

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

OCTOBER 15, 2013

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Jan Ollivier, Transportation Manager; Judy Pless, Budget & Finance Manager; Jim Van De Venter, Maintenance Manager and 2 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING HYAK DRIVE EAST TURNAROUND PUBLIC WORKS

At 2:00 p.m. CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN opened a Public Hearing to consider adding the Turnaround at the end of Hyak Drive East at MP 0.55 onto the County Road Maintenance System.

JAN OLLIVIER, TRANSPORTATION MANAGER gave a Staff Report noting that a Turnaround located at the end of Hyak Drive East at MP 0.55 was constructed by the County and is in front of the new Hyak maintenance shed. The portion of Hyak Drive East leading up to the Turnaround from MP 0.44 to MP 0.55 was brought onto the County Road Maintenance System in 2012. JIM VAN DE VENTER, MAINTENANCE MANAGER explained how the Turnaround was 100 feet in diameter and is located at the end of the County road where their maintenance and storage facility is at the end of Hyak Drive East at MP 0.55.

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

RESOLUTION 2013-121 HYAK DRIVE EAST TURNAROUND PUBLIC WORKS

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-121, Adopting the Turnaround at the End of Hyak Drive East onto the Kittitas County Road Log, and authorize the Public Works Director to add the same to County maps and files. CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

2013-10-15 MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING 1% SALES & USE TAX - RENTAL CAR COMMISSIONERS

At 2:05 p.m. **CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** opened a Public Hearing to consider a 1% increase in the Sales & Use Tax upon Retail Car Rentals, in addition to the Tax Authorized by RC 82.14.030 to be used for Public Sports Facilities as referenced in RCW 82.14.049.

VICE-CHAIRMAN JEWELL explained how the legislative authority may impose a Sales & Use tax, in addition to the tax authorized by RCW 82.13.030, upon retail car rentals within the County that are taxable by the State under RCW Chapter 92.08 and 82.12. He indicated the County does not currently impose this tax and the County receives a large amount of requests for funding related to facilities and improvements for youth sports. He said it would be a dedicated fund which would bring a lot of value to community with promoting an exercise lifestyle and increasing the tourism.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: DARIN CLARK, LOCAL BUSINESS OWNER AND NEW PRESIDENT OF ELLENSBURG YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL stated how all sports groups have funding needs and most of their funding come from the dues being paid from the kids who participate along with fundraisers. He said it was normally against his beliefs to increase any taxes, but felt the proposal would assist with helping keep the costs down for children who may not otherwise be able to afford to be a part of organized sports. **TOM MORRIS, OWNER OF R&R AUTOBODY SHOP AND HERTZ CAR RENTAL** did not believe a 1% sales tax would have adverse effect on rentals and that most of the rentals are paid by an insurance company. He indicated that Kittitas County is one of the lowest taxed for rental vehicles. He did not feel anyone would be against increasing the tax by such a small amount. **THERE BEING NO OTHERS REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

JUDY PLESS, BUDGET & FINANCE MANAGER said she was unsure of how much funds would be generated in any given year, but estimated around \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00. **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** suggested creating a grant type program and have groups submit applications for funding. He noted the increase in tax would not apply to moving vans, only passenger vehicles nor, those that haul large equipment. He indicated he had personally contacted the other rental agencies and Dollarwise said they had no objection to the proposed tax increase. He said he is a baseball coach in the local league and has personally seen the need for

funding assistance with families as well as a need for new equipment. The proposed Ordinance also limits the support to youth and amateur sport activities. **CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** disclosed he was a member of the HopeSource Executive Board and is aware of the need for assistance from families who cannot afford their children to plays sports.

ORDINANCE 2013-010 1% SALES & USE TAX - RENTAL CAR COMMISSIONERS

VICE-CHAIRMAN JEWELL moved to approve Ordinance No. 2013-010, to Authorize Additional Taxation of Rental Vehicles to Support Amateur Sports Activities, to be used only for support of youth and amateur sport activities. **CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

PUBLIC HEARING 6 YR. TIP & ANNUAL CONSTRUCTION PUBLIC WORKS

At 2:32 p.m. **CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** opened a Public Hearing to consider the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for the Years 2014-2019 and the Annual Construction Program for 2013.

JAN OLLIVIER, TRANSPORTATION MANAGER explained how they had held an Open House in the Upper and Lower County to receive preliminary comments from the public on the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program (2014-2019) and the 2014 Annual Road Construction Program. She reviewed the proposed 2014 Annual Construction Program and the Six-Year transportation and answers questions from the Board of County Commissioners.

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

RESOLUTION 2013-122 ANNUAL ROAD CONSTRUCTION PUBLIC WORKS

VICE-CHAIRMAN JEWELL moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-122, Adopting the Annual Road Construction Program for 2013. **CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

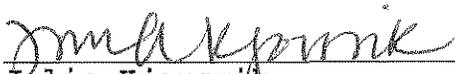
RESOLUTION 2013-123 SIX-YEAR TIP (2014-2019) PUBLIC WORKS

VICE-CHAIRMAN JEWELL moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-123, Adopting a Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan for the Years 2014-2019. **CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

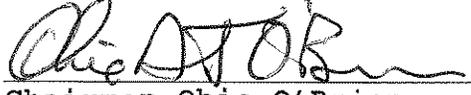
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CLERK OF THE BOARD



Julie Kjorsvik

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Chairman Obie O'Brien