

KITTITAS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSIONERS AUDITORIUM
SPECIAL MEETING

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

NOVEMBER 5, 2013

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Judy Pless, Budget & Finance Manager; Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Roy Chance, Construction Manager; and 3 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING OPEN SPACE TIMBER - REED/HOGAN COMMISSIONERS

At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** opened a Public Hearing to consider a Current Use Open Space Timber Application from James Ervin Reed and Holly Hogan.

MANDY BUCHHOLZ, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD reviewed a Staff Report and said the Board of County Commissioners office had received a Current Use Open Space Timber Application from James Ervin Reed and Ms. Holly Hogan for Tax Parcel Number #17672 (Map #20-15-22000-0014). The applicants were requesting that 19 of their 20 acres be considered for Current Use Open Space Timber. She indicated the Assessor's office had reviewed the application materials and had been found to be complete and correct.

PHIL HESS, CONSULTING FORESTER reviewed the request from Mr. Reed and Ms. Hogan. He confirmed that he had personally examined the property, prepared the Forest Land Stewardship Plan and claimed the property met all the qualifications for Open Space Timber Tax Classification. He noted the applicants had already done approximately 7 acres of fire wise on the property. He said the property had a young forest on it and would be at least 20 years until the trees were ready for commercial harvesting.

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

AGREEMENT OPEN SPACE TIMBER - REED/HOGAN COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to approve the Application for Classification or Reclassification as Open Space Land or Timber Land for Current Use Assessment Under RCW 84.34 from James Reed

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and Holly Hogan for Tax Parcel Number 17672, and direct Staff to prepare enabling documents. **COMMISSIONER BERNDT** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

AMEND 2013 BUDGET

AUDITOR

At 2:14 p.m. **CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** opened a Public Hearing to consider Amending the 2013 County Budget.

JUDY PLESS, BUDGET & FINANCE MANAGER reviewed a Staff Report and a list of budget amendments in the total amount of \$3,054,520.00.

The Board of County Commissioners asked Staff for clarification on some of the proposed amendments to the General Fund, Public Health, Stadium Fund (Hotel/Motel), Noxious Weed and the Courthouse Jail Facilities Expansion projects.

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

RESOLUTION 2013-128

AMEND 2013 BUDGET

AUDITOR

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-128, Amending the 2013 Budget in the amount of \$3,054,520.00. **COMMISSIONER BERNDT** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

UTILITY FRANCHISE/PUD NO. 1

PUBLIC WORKS

At 2:33 p.m. **CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** opened a Public Hearing to consider a County Wide Commercial Public Utility Franchise to Public Utility District No. 1 of Kittitas County.

ROY CHANCE, CONSTRUCTION MANAGER reviewed a request from Public Utility District No. 1 of Kittitas County for a County Wide Commercial Public Utility Franchise. He indicated the Franchise would supersede any, and all, previously existing Franchise Agreements with Kittitas County, some of which may be expired and/or have incomplete records with either entity. Future Public Utility District projects would be subject to individual review, approval and inspection by Public Works within the "Work in Right-of-Way Permit" process, as they develop.

