

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

THURSDAY

5:00 P.M.

MARCH 6, 2014

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Holly Myers, Environmental Health Supervisor; Jeff Watson, Staff Planner; Doc Hansen, Planning Official; Erin Moore, Permit Tech.; Dr. Mark Larsen, Public Health Officer; Lindsey Ozbolt, Staff Planner; Robin Read, Public Health Administrator; and 5 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING

COMPLIANCE EFFORTS

CDS

At 5:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN PAUL JEWELL** opened a Public Hearing continued from March 4, 2014 to consider Comprehensive Plan Compliance Efforts. He noted the public record was closed.

DOC HANSEN, PLANNING OFFICIAL reviewed a chart summarizing the costs/benefits of acting upon proposals versus requesting an extension of compliance for 2 months. He indicated it was only the CDS Staff's opinion and not necessarily the opinion of Kittitas County or the Board of County Commissioners. He reviewed the appearance issues and how some parties felt like they had not been included nor did they believe they had an adequate time to review the issues. He said it could be reviewed again during the docketing process and by acting now they would not be necessarily closing the gate. He went over the benefits of approving the current proposal and how the County's received support from Futurewise and the Department of Ecology, which gives some sort of assurances that they are in compliance. He also reviewed the benefits of obtaining an extension which would allow others to get involved in the process and eliminate the appearance that they weren't involved, noting that although it may not produce anything different than today's proposal they would at least have used all their resources. He said it may result in any potential liability being lessened and show how they took an extra effort to reach out to those other parties.

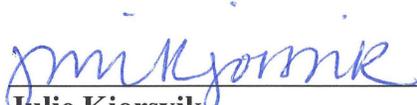
COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN reviewed the timetable and noted they may not receive a ruling on a request for an extension until the end of March/early April and questioned what would happen if the March 14th deadline was not met. **MR. HANSEN** said he was not aware of any penalties and believed they can show how there has been substantial progress made.

CHAIRMAN JEWELL explained how they have followed process and gone above and beyond to include public participation. He said they obtained additional legal analysis and included comments from the public received, which is honoring the public process. **COMMISSIONER BERNDT** said if the solution was going to be held up for others to read, he wanted it to be the best document possible and would be in favor of requesting an extension.

COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN move to accept the changes in the comment matrix as recommended by Staff and to request a 60 day extension to allow additional time to engage in discussions with other parties. **COMMISSIONER BERNDT** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD



Julie Kjorsvik

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Paul Jewell, Chairman