

**KITTITAS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM
SPECIAL MEETING**

FRIDAY

11:00 A.M.

MARCH 28, 2014

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

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Nancy Goodloe, Chair Homelessness & Affordable Housing Committee.

SPECIAL MEETING HOMELESSNESS/AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSIONERS

At 11:00 a.m. Chairman Jewell opened a Special Meeting to meet with the Chair of the Homelessness & Affordable Housing Committee (H&AHC).

Ms. Goodloe reviewed the round of Homelessness & Affordable Housing Grants that ended on March 14, 2014. She stated that they had only received one application and stated that in years past she has sent out notice to her points of contact that would qualify to apply for grant funding. She apologized and stated that this year she didn't do that and feels that is why there wasn't more applications seeking grant funding. She stated that she had been consumed with her book being published and that is why she forgot to send out the personal notice that she had been sending out over the past few years. The Board discussed with Ms. Goodloe options to consider 1.) allow an extension of the 3/14/2014 deadline, for a narrow window, 2.) do a new RFP process. 3.) declare the last round invalid and have a new RFP process, where everyone can apply or re-apply, 4.) process EnTrust who made the deadline and if there is funding left then go out and advertise again. The Board determined to go with option #3 and declare the previous process invalid and re-notice the grant opportunity. They stated that Nancy would need to own up to why this round was declared an error, and send notice out to her contacts that the personal notification process will no longer be happening (e-mail notice from her). The Board stated that the personal notification process has been a past practice not the County's practice. The Board nominated Commissioner O'Brien to hold a seat on the Homelessness and Affordable Housing Committee. The Board directed Commissioner O'Brien to work with Debbie Myers, Homeless & Affordable Housing Clerk to re-notice the grant process & draft a press release.

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APPROVED
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Commissioner O'Brien and Ms. Goodloe are to send notice to Ms. Goodloe's contact list and include in the notice that there will no longer be personal e-mail notification, only newspaper and website postings and to notify the contacts that they can sign up on the County Website to receive any and all updates pertaining to Homeless & Affordable Housing information. Commissioner Berndt was tasked with finding an Upper County citizen to represent the Upper County on the Homelessness & Affordable Housing Committee. Commissioner O'Brien will work with Debbie Myers and Ms. Goodloe to figure out the notification process through the County Website.

Chairman Jewell indicated that the Senior Rent Assistance is in the last year of its funding for the latest Agreement with the County. He questioned if Ms. Goodloe had any feelings on if the H&AHC would support funding it again for an additional four years. He stressed the importance of the funding and the importance it has with the Board of County Commissioners. Ms. Goodloe stated that she felt the Committee would support funding it again. Ms. Goodloe & Commissioner O'Brien were tasked with meeting with HopeSource to determine the funding dedication needed and to have the H&AHC figure out the funding breakdown and bring a proposal back to the Board of County Commissioners. Chairman Jewell stated that he would like to see the funds committed to in advance for the Senior Rent Assistance program.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD


Mandy Buchholz

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Chairman Paul Jewell