

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

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

MAY 6, 2014

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Jerry Pettit, Auditor; Brenda Larsen, Fire Marshal; Patti Johnson, Solid Waste Director/Project Manager/Interim Maintenance Director; Jan Ollivier, Transportation Manager; Kirk Holmes, Public Works Director/Interim Building Official and 5 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING

ALL TERRAINED WHEELED VEHICLES

SHERIFF

At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN JEWELL** opened a Public Hearing continued from April 16, 2014 for Board Discussion & Decision, to consider adding a new section to Kittitas County Code Authorizing Properly Licensed, "All Terrain Wheeled Vehicles" on all County Roads that meet the requirements outlined in ESHB 1632. He noted the written record was open until May 2, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

CLAYTON MYERS, UNDERSHERIFF requested the Commissioners support of the proposed Ordinance. He addressed some of the comments that were submitted into the record since the previous public hearing. He said a lot of the comments they received were from people who either live outside of the State or County, and they mainly related to concerns with the safety of children. He said the State addressed those issues because drivers must be licensed and children are not allowed to drive on the County roads. He said All-Terrain Wheeled Vehicles were not designed to operate on highways or at high rates of speed, noting the maximum speed limit is 35 mph. He noted how the State and local officials are planning on doing a substantial campaign to educate the public. He suggested adding a section to the enabling documents that would require headlights to be turned on at all times of the day, as it's proven to be very effective.

JAN OLLIVIER, TRANSPORTATION MANAGER reviewed the additional language that Wheeled All-Terrain Vehicles are to have headlight's utilized at all times while operating on County Roads with posted speed limits of 35 mph or less.

2014-05-06 MINUTES

APPROVED
5-20-14

COMMISSIONER BERNDT moved to approve the proposed amendments to Kittitas County Code Chapter 10.24.020 as recommended by Staff, and to include language requiring Wheeled All-Terrain Vehicles to utilize headlights at all times while operating on County Roads that are posted at 35 mph or less, and to direct Staff to prepare enabling documents. **COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

COMMISSIONER BERNDT moved to continue the Public Hearing for enabling documents to Tuesday May 20, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium to consider enabling documents, noting the record was closed. **COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

INTERIM FEE INCREASE

FIRE MARSHAL

At 2:25 p.m. **CHAIRMAN JEWELL** opened a Public Hearing to consider Interim Fee Increases for Fire Sprinklers, Fire Alarms, Hood and Duct Systems and LP-Gas Permits for the Kittitas County Fire Marshal's office.

BRENDA LARSEN, FIRE MARSHAL reviewed a Staff Report and said the following fees had not been increased since 2007: Commercial/Residential Fire Alarms; Fire Sprinklers; Hood & Duct Systems and LP-Gas Piping and Tank Replacements. She said in moving forward toward full cost recovery for the permit fees, it would eliminate the need for her department to utilize funds from the General Fund, and instead put the onus of paying for those services on the individuals who are creating the need for services. She reviewed information which had been gathered to show the basis for the proposed fees.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL felt the fees were not high enough and the County should get a little closer to a complete full cost recovery. He felt the proposed residential sprinkler fees were appropriate but recommended the following fees to get more in line with a full cost recovery: Commercial Sprinkler Systems \$1,000.00 (instead of \$750.00); Residential Fire Alarms \$300.00 (instead of \$250.00); Commercial Fire Alarms \$548.00 instead of \$400.00; Hood and Duct Systems \$439.00 (instead of \$400.00); and LP-Gas Tank and Piping \$200.00 (instead of \$130.00).

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

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COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN moved to Approve Resolution No. 2014-076, and to amend Appendix A to include fees as suggested by Chairman Jewell. **COMMISSIONER BERNDT** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

SOLID WASTE FEES

SOLID WASTE

At 2:43 p.m. **CHAIRMAN JEWELL** opened a Public Hearing to consider updating Fees for Solid Waste.

PATTI JOHNSON, SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR said the last review of their fee schedule was done in 2010 with the current contract with Waste Management. She said the contract allows Waste Management to increase their fees yearly by the Consumer Price Index and since 2010 their disposal and haul costs have been increased by \$5.42. Waste Management has also increased their administration cost by \$2.34 per ton in addition to a \$1.00 per ton environmental fee imposed by Douglas County. She said they have been absorbing the increase and would like to adjust their fees to reflect the other increases. They did a study of surrounding Counties and their minimum tip fees, noting the cost of running a customer across the scale is the same for everyone when it comes to the administrative side of it; as well as a cost recovery analysis. They hope the increase will help decrease the number of trips across the scale.

CHAIRMAN JEWELL questioned why the increase doesn't include yard waste as well. **MS. JOHNSON** said it's because yard waste wasn't being accepted by Waste Management. **CHAIRMAN JEWELL** expressed concerns with a 60% increase, although recognizing it had not been increased since 2010. He suggested not going over \$6.00 for tipping fee and possibly look at increasing the fee for yard waste.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: BRENDA LARSEN, REPRESENTING HERSELF said she had been to many other Transfer Stations throughout the State and they are a lot more expensive than Kittitas County and supported the proposed fee increase. **THERE BEING NO OTHERS REQUESTING TO TESTIFY THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-077, Setting Fees for the Kittitas County Solid Waste Department. **COMMISSIONER BERNDT** seconded.

COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN felt an \$8.00 minimum was in order and thought it may encourage people to save on their trips to the transfer station and could also be an incentive for City residents to sign up for pick-up service.

COMMISSIONER BERNDT said he would support an increase in the yard waste fees however, he agreed with Commissioner Jewell that the proposed increase to \$8.00 for the minimum tipping fee was a little too high and recommended setting it at \$6.00.

COMMISSIONER BERNDT moved to amend the motion by striking \$8.00 in the proposed Resolution and replace it with a \$6.00 minimum tipping fee & to strike \$2.00 minimum fee for yard waste and increase it to \$4.00. **COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN** seconded.

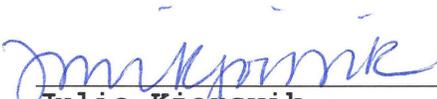
Motion to amend Resolution No. 2014-077 was approved 3-0.

Motion approving Resolution No. 2014-077 was approved 3-0.

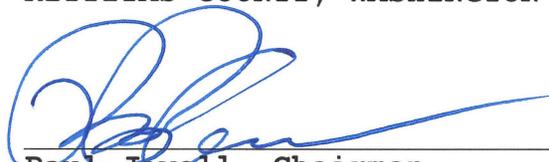
Meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



Julie Kjorsvik



Paul Jewell, Chairman