

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

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

MAY 27, 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 & David Miller, Homelessness & Affordable Housing Committee; Sarah Bedsaul, Crystal Walker and Bruce Tabb, Kittitas & Yakima Valley Community Land Trust; Carole Miller Rhodes, Mitchel Rhodes & Tom Gaulk, EnTrust; John Raymond, HopeSource; Stacy Kellogg, People for People.

SPECIAL MEETING HOMELESS & AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSIONERS

At 2:00 p.m. Chairman Jewell opened a Special Meeting to consider Grant Applications from EnTrust; People for People; HopeSource and Kittitas & Yakima Valley Community Land Trust.

Chairman Jewell provided a brief recap on the meeting from May 20, 2014 where the Grant Applications were before the Board for consideration. The Board reviewed the four Grant Applications that were received to help address local homeless priorities, utilizing the ESSHB 2163 funds. He stated that the amount advertised was \$250,000.00 and the applications received totaled \$735,902.00. He stated that since the meeting there have been some updated information provided from the applicants in response to the concerns the Board initially expressed on May 20, 2014.

The four applications received were from: Entrust Community Services for the Homeless Assistance Program (HAP), Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services and 24.7 Homeless Housing Hotline; HopeSource Project FREEDOM Rapid Housing; Kittitas Yakima Valley Community Land Trust (3-Year Plan toward Self-Sufficiency); and People for People (One Call Kittitas Connect), along with recommendations from the Homeless and Affordable Housing Committee.

Applicants addressed questions from the Board that were brought up at the last meeting regarding their applications, they also responded to the Board regarding any updates that had been

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submitted: Tom Gaulk and Carole Miller Rhodes from EnTrust Community Services; Sarah Bedsaul, Kittitas Yakima Valley Community Land Trust; Stacy Kellogg, People for People and John Raymond, HopeSource.

The Board expressed concerns regarding the revised budget from HopeSource. They felt that since the HAHC wasn't able to review and provide input of the revised document, that it wouldn't honor the process and stressed the importance of honoring the process. Commissioner Berndt questioned if the Committee would be interested in providing definitions for applicants to use in the future. He explained that it may help them answer the questions in the application more thoroughly.

Commissioner O'Brien moved to fund the Kittitas Yakima Valley Community Land Trust request in the amount of \$90,000.00 for two years, noting it can be spent however over the course of the two years but that the funding is for two years. He stated that the funding is not for \$90,000.00 each year. Commissioner Berndt seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner O'Brien moved to fund the Project Freedom Rapid Rehousing (HopeSource) to be used to develop additional emergency housing in the Upper County with the Evergreen House in Cle Elum in the amount of \$24,000.00, for one year. Commissioner Berndt seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board stated that while they appreciate what People for People do for the community, at this time they would support the HAHC recommendation of no funding.

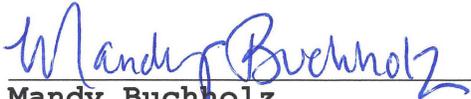
The Board tasked Commissioner O'Brien to work on setting up a Special Meeting with the Board and the HAHC to further discuss and consider the EnTrust Application due to the Applicant providing more in depth responses to the questions on the application that the Board felt were not fully answered the first time. Commissioner Jewell expressed his frustrations and stated that time after time the EnTrust application comes in and the Board has to ask a great deal of additional information. He stated that it should all be in there the first time.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

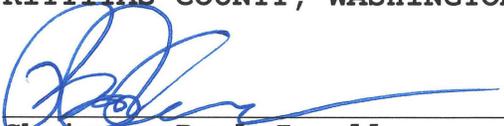
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DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD


Mandy Buchholz

KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Chairman Paul Jewell