

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

**TUESDAY**

**2:00 P.M.**

**JUNE 3, 2014**

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Jan Ollivier, Transportation Manager; Jerry Pettit, Auditor; Kirk Holmes, Public Works Director/Interim Building Official; Clayton Myers, Undersheriff; Roy Chance, Construction Manager and approximately 30 members of the public.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**CEDAR COVE ROAD FRANCHISE**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN JEWELL** opened a Public Hearing to consider Granting an Irrigation Franchise to Cedar Cove Irrigation Holders within the entire Cedar Cove Road Right-of-Way.

**ROY CHANCE, CONSTRUCTION MANAGER** gave a Staff Report and said the applicants had requested an Irrigation Franchise within the entire Cedar Cove Right-of-Way. It was for the installation of a buried irrigation line crossing Cedar Cove Road and running along the same, with turnouts to the various land holders in order to transport water from the Lateral 13.8 pipeline on the north side of the road. He said the applicants are aware that their design is subject to review, approval and oversight by the Kittitas County Engineer.

**PERRY ROWE, REPRESENTING THE APPLICANT** encouraged the Board to support the Irrigation Franchise application. He expressed his appreciation for Staff's work relating to their project. **THERE BEING NO OTHERS REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**AGREEMENT**

**CEDAR COVE ROAD**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Commissioner Berndt moved to approve a Non-Exclusive Water Line Franchise Agreement with the Cedar Cove Irrigation Holders, to Use County Roads, Rights-of-Way and other County Property within Kittitas County. Chairman Jewell seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

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2014-06-03 MINUTES

**APPROVED**

6-17-14

At approximately 2:16 p.m. **CHAIRMAN JEWELL** opened a Public Hearing to consider reducing the posted speed limit on Kittitas Highway from Mile Post 1.34 (between Magnolia Street and Pfenning Road) to Mile Post 2.36 (No. 6 Road).

**JAN OLLIVIER, TRANSPORTATION MANAGER** explained the process for changing speed limits which includes an engineer investigation of the road type, maintenance, vehicle speeds, number of vehicles and safety. She said based on the facts from their investigation, the Public Works Department recommended not lowering the speed limit and to keep it at 50 mph and to re-evaluate the corridor after the reconstruction project has been completed.

**THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING:** **WILLIAM ERICKSON** said he hadn't seen any accidents in the area and maybe frontage roads should be evaluated. **WENDELL SAVILLE** said he and his wife live on Kittitas Highway and they did not support the request for a reduction in speed. He said reducing the speed limit would only result in traffic being bottlenecked and backed up. **WILLIAM COLEMAN** said he drives the highway each day and expressed concerns of changing the speed limit all the way to No. 6. He thought the County could look at changing it near the neighborhood where the Mormon Church is. **BARBARA YOUNG** supported the recommendation made by Staff and urged the Board to keep the speed limit the same. She said she felt the blinking light by Matthews Road has reduced the amount of accidents in that area. **GARY BROWN** said he travels that road at least 2 times a day and there are people who speed beyond 50 mph. He suggested waiting until the highway improvements have been completed and then do another study. **STEVE ZABRANSKY** spoke in favor of reducing the speed limit due to safety concerns. He said things happen much quicker going 50 mph than at 35 mph and as the community grows in that area there will be an increase in accidents. He thought No. 6 Road would be an ideal point to have the speed go from 35 mph to 50 mph. **BRIAN WILLIAMS** said he owns a hay field off Kittitas Highway. He urged the Board to continue the Public Hearing to allow more of the farmers to attend the meeting because they are out working in the afternoons. He thought it would be more of an enforcement issue rather than a speed issue. **LINDA DAVENPORT** felt if the speed limit was lowered it would not change the amount of accidents. She suggested placing in left turn lanes at Matthews Road. **ROYLENE CRAWFORD** opposed reducing the speed limit and indicated all of the recent improvements

have helped in the area. She agreed that if something needed to be done reduce the speed limit through Matthews Road only. **JOE CRAWFORD** spoke against lowering the speed limit and felt it would be counterproductive, as it would restrict the flow of traffic in the mornings and evenings. **JIMMIE APPELEGATE** submitted written materials into the record and spoke on behalf of 49 citizens who live adjacent to the Kittitas Highway from Broadview Road to the Ellensburg City limits. **BRETT EASON** said he has 2 duplexes off of Kittitas Highway and after discussing it with those residents (approximately 13 people) they would like to keep the speed limit the same. **ART CLARK** said he travels that portion of the highway a few times a day. He felt if the speed was reduced there would be a reduction in the miles per gallon people will receive in the vehicles as well as more pollution by going slower. **SAM ELLISON** spoke against reducing the speed limit and suggested looking at the No. 6 Road intersection, as there seems to be a lot of accidents there. **ANTHONY SACKETT** supported a reduction in the speed limit. He said people in the Matthews Road area begin slowing down and during hay harvest season there is a steady stream of trucks. **KAY KRESGE** said she wasn't necessarily against reducing the speed to Matthews Road, but said there were differences between Kittitas Highway and Vantage Highway. **BERYLE FIGGINS, JR.** spoke in favor of reducing the speed limit stating it would increase both safety and quality of life for people. **STAN BLAZYNSKI** supported the reduction in the speed limit. He felt entering Kittitas Highway can be risky from No. 6 to Matthews Road because of the speed. He expressed concerns with the lack of enforcement on Pfenning Road. **GREG PARKER** said he lives on Matthews Road and was not in favor of reducing the speed limit. He said the data presented indicated there was no compelling reason to change it. **GIB RUSHTON** expressed his opposition to reducing the speed limit. He suggested placing double lines on No. 6 Road near the turn lanes. **JERRY PETTIT** disagreed with reducing the speed limit. He expressed concerns relating to ATV's would be allowed on that portion of the road if the speed limit was reduced. He felt the problems were with people not paying attention rather than with the speed. **KEN PETERSON** opposed changing the speed limit and said he uses caution on Kittitas Highway and if it were changed it would only bring more problems. **CLAYTON MYERS, UNDERSHERIFF** said they were involved with the safety corridor plan and acknowledged enforcement was an issue because of the lack of shoulder area and have asked for turnouts in the project. He said driver inattention is the main reason for accidents, noting it is a relatively low number. The Sheriff's department supported leaving the speed limit as is and

take another look at it later on. **THERE BEING NO OTHERS REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**MS. OLLIVIER** said construction would be going through 2015. She said they would be adding pavement to the shoulders and enlarging the entire intersection and sight distance improvements at No. 6 road.

**COMMISSIONER BERNDT** moved to accept the recommendation from the Public Works and Sheriff's Office and to reject the petition and to schedule another study upon completion of construction on Kittitas Highway. **CHAIRMAN JEWELL** seconded.

**COMMISSIONER BERNDT** said he was not an expert on Kittitas Highway, but thought by creating a column of traffic it may be a bigger safety problem. **CHAIRMAN JEWELL** said the construction will allow for a better understanding. Motion carried 2-0.

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**PUBLIC HEARING      BACK COUNTRY RESOURCES-FRANCHISE      PUBLIC WORKS**

At 3:32 p.m. **CHAIRMAN JEWELL** opened a Public Hearing to consider Granting a Non-Commercial Water Line Franchise to Back Country Resources, LLC along the entire All Seasons Drive Right-of-Way.

**ROY CHANCE, CONSTRUCTION MANAGER** said the applicants had formed an entity which reflects H.O.A. for Trailside at Woods and Steele. The applicant designed and constructed a Class A Water System to serve the Evergreen Park PBCP and the F&G PBCP, also known as "Trailside at Woods & Steels". A portion of the water system runs along former FSR 4510 and the portion was dedicated to the County when the plats were recorded. FSR 4510 had been renamed All Seasons Drive and has been taken "on-system" by Kittitas County. The water line contains two domestic water meters serving the various parcels and two fire hydrants.

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

**AGREEMENT      BACK COUNTRY RESOURCES, LLC      PUBLIC WORKS**

**COMMISSIONER BERNDT** moved to approve a Non-Exclusive Water Line Franchise to use County Roads, Rights-of-Way and other County property within Kittitas County. **CHAIRMAN JEWELL** seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

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**PUBLIC HEARING                      FOX ROAD - IRRIGATION FRANCHISE                      PUBLIC WORKS**

At approximately 3:37 p.m. **CHAIRMAN JEWELL** opened a Public Hearing to consider Granting an Irrigation Franchise on Maynard Larson, Crossing Fox Road.

**ROY CHANCE, CONSTRUCTION MANAGER** gave a Staff Report on an application from Maynard Larson for the installation of a buried irrigation line crossing Fox Road to transport water from a privately owned concrete ditch on the east side of the road to the owners property on the west side of the road. Public Works Staff has not confirmed the franchise will be sufficient to provide access to the applicants KRD water allotment, although KRD has verified the applicant's water rights, but has no other roll in the project. The water needs to cross a significant portion of a third parties private property to reach the applicant's proposed crossing. Mr. Larson understands that his design is subject to review, approval and oversight by the Kittitas County Engineer. They will also need to ensure full access exists prior to construction.

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

**AGREEMENT                      FOX ROAD - IRRIGATION FRANCHISE                      PUBLIC WORKS**

**COMMISSIONER BERNT** moved to approve a Non-Exclusive Water and/or Sewer Franchise with Maynard Larson to Use County Roads, Rights-of-Way and other County property within Kittitas County and to direct Staff to ensure the applicant has proven legal access prior to a construction permit being issued. **CHAIRMAN JEWELL** seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

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**PUBLIC HEARING    SURPLUS PROPERTY    AUDITOR**

At approximately 3:43 p.m. **CHAIRMAN JEWELL** opened a Public Hearing to consider declaring surplus property.

**KAY KRESGE, ACCOUNTANT** explained the Sheriff's Department had vehicles and equipment that needed to be declared surplus as they are no longer of use.

**CLAY MYERS, UNDERSHERIFF** explained how they would be selling the vehicles to another law enforcement agency with some of the equipment left in place (screen, protective equipment, radio, lights, siren, radar unit), as the cost to strip them down prior to selling them would not be cost effective.

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

**RESOLUTION 2014-095**

**SURPLUS PROPERTY**

**AUDITOR**

**COMMISSIONER BERNDT** moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-095, To Declare Certain Sheriff's Vehicles and Equipment Surplus to Kittitas County. **CHAIRMAN JEWELL** seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD**

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

  
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Paul Jewell, Chairman