

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM
SPECIAL MEETING**

MONDAY

2:30 P.M.

JUNE 30, 2014

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

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Marsha Weyand, Assessor.

SPECIAL MEETING

SB6180

ASSESSOR

At 2:35 p.m. Chairman Jewell opened a Special Meeting to discuss Senate Bill 6180.

Chairman Jewell reviewed his understanding of what is being proposed in SB 6180. He stated that Current Use Timber Land (CUTL) would be moved into Designated Forest Land (DFL) if the County were to opt into SB 6180. He explained that with CUTL it is his understanding there are only a few reasons for denying an application. He expressed concerns for the Board giving up authority for approval or denial of CUTL. Ms. Weyand explained that it will create more efficiency. She explained the current process for how the BoCC Staff and the Assessor's Office work together to process the applications and explained there is currently a lot of back and forth. In her opinion this would save staff time and create efficiencies for both the BoCC and the Assessor's Office.

Commissioner Berndt and Chairman Jewell indicated they felt there was no reason for the County to not opt into SB 6180. Staff was directed to work with legal to prepare an Ordinance for the Board to consider at a future Agenda.

OTHER BUSSINESS:

Chairman Jewell stated that he had received an e-mail from Grays Harbor County Commissioner Frank Gordon. He said Commissioner Gordon was looking for feedback from the County experiencing issues or that may have information/experience with timber companies charging access fees to use their timber lands and that Grays Harbor County sees that as a change in classification from (DFL) to commercial recreational use. Chairman Jewell questioned if Ms. Weyand was aware of this issue and/or if she

had any input. Ms. Weyand indicated she wasn't aware of the issue but could ask legal to review it for her. Chairman Jewell indicated that he will send the question to legal, but wanted to see if she had anything to contribute before he sent it to the Prosecutor's Office for an opinion.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD


Mandy Buchholz

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Paul Jewell, Chairman