

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

TUESDAY

1:00 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 9, 2014

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Michael Nigrey, Deputy Prosecutor; Brenda Larsen, Fire Marshal and Jerry Pettit, Auditor.

PUBLIC HEARING FIRE DISTRICT NO. 3 ANNEXATION COMMISSIONERS

At 1:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN PAUL JEWELL** opened a Public Hearing to consider a request by Kittitas County Fire District No. 3 to approve an annexation of certain parcels in the Cabin Creek area.

MICHAEL NIGREY, DEPUTY PROSECUTOR explained how the County had received a request from Fire District No. 3 to annex 3 parcels in the Cabin Creek area. He said under the Petition method of annexation, it requires an area adjacent to a Fire District to be signed by the owners of not less than 60% of the area of land, as well as provide a legal description and plat outlining boundaries of the proposed annexation and state the financial obligation to be assumed by the area to be annexed. He indicated that upon review of the plat map submitted with the Petitions by the Kittitas County Assessor's office, one parcel adjacent to the areas proposed for annexation was incorrectly designated within the boundary of Fire District No. 3, and therefore it would result in an impermissible districting "island" unconnected to the Fire District No. 3 boundaries, and after further review of the Petitions, they did not state the financial obligation to be assumed by the area to be annexed. Mr. Nigrey recommended denying the request for annexation based on the Petitions not meeting the criteria set forth in the RCW.

BRENDA LARSEN, FIRE MARSHAL indicated that she had met with representatives from Fire District No. 3 last night and they said they would be either contacting BNSF to see if they would be willing to provide a contiguous route for the smaller area that is not in the District which would make the property contiguous or the other option would be to contract directly with Fire District No. 3 for services.

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

COMMISSIONER BERNDT felt it was a fragile area and understands they need protection. He said he would support them contracting directly with the Fire District for services. **COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN** explained that the requirements set forth in statute were not met. He explained how he would also understand if the property owners would go towards the option of contracting directly with the Fire District.

COMMISSIONER BERNDT moved to deny request to annex certain property in the Cabin Creek area into Fire District No. 3, as presented. **COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN** seconded. Motion carried 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**


Julie Kjorsvik


Paul Jewell, Chairman