

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

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 16, 2014

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Jan Ollivier, Transportation Manager and 5 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING SIX YR TIP & ANNUAL CONSTRUCTION PUBLIC WORKS

At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN JEWELL** opened a Public Hearing to consider the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program for the Years 2015-2020 and the Annual Construction Program for 2015.

JAN OLLIVIER, TRANSPORTATION MANAGER reviewed a Staff Report. She indicated they held two open house forum's (one in Ellensburg on August 26, 2014 and one in Cle Elum on August 27, 2014) to receive preliminary comments from the public. After review of the proposed Six Year Transportation Improvement Program and Annual Construction Program, Ms. Ollivier recommended approving the proposed Resolution's.

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

RESOLUTION 2014-135

SIX YEAR TIP

PUBLIC WORKS

COMMISSIONER BERNDT moved to approve Adopting a Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan for the Years 2015-2020. **COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION 2014-136

ANNUAL CONSTRUCTION 2015

PUBLIC WORKS

COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN moved to approve the Annual Road Construction Program for 2015. **COMMISSIONER BERNDT** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

APPROVED
10-7-14

At approximately 2:09 p.m. **CHAIRMAN JEWELL** opened a Public Hearing to consider Amending Kittitas County Code Section 10.07.020 "Winter Areas Designated".

JAN OLLIVIER, TRANSPORTATION MANAGER reviewed a Staff Report. She explained that they received a letter from Ms. Pamela A. McConkey, Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, Winter Recreation Program Manager requesting that Kittitas County declare Salmon La Sac Road to be a Sno-Park zone, requiring parked vehicles to display a special winter recreation parking permit. She said they reviewed the request and determined that the request would require an amendment to Kittitas County Code.

MS. McCONKEY spoke in favor of her request. She explained that many snowmobilers park along Salmon La Sac Road when the Sno-Park is full to capacity and that visitor's park along the road in an attempt to avoid purchasing a Sno-Park permit. She said the permit is one funding source for winter recreation in Washington and that the program is solely self-supported and relies on snowmobile registrations and permits in order to provide snow removal, trail grooming, sanitation and education and enforcement. She reviewed the current Sno-Park fees and said registration for snowmobiles will go up to \$50.00 next year.

CHAIRMAN JEWELL asked if there were any plans to groom for other users such as cross country skiers. **MS. McCONKEY** said they did not have any plans at this time.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: WAYNE MOLER, WASHINGTON STATE SNOWMOBILE BOARD, KITTITAS COUNTY GROOMING COUNCIL testified in support of request. He felt there is a shortage of parking in the area and thought the proposal would also aid with the law enforcement aspect of the problems as well. **KAY LOYD, SECRETARY FOR THE KITTITAS COUNTY GROOMING COUNCIL** read a letter of support into the record from Jan Marshall. **BILL MILLER, WASHINGTON STATE SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION, DISTRICT 5 REPRESENTATIVE**, felt the majority of people that park out on the road do not have their snowmobiles registered and therefore benefiting from those who pay. He said he would like to see it formalized as a Sno-Park area. **THERE BEING NO OTHERS REQUESTING TO TESTIFY THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

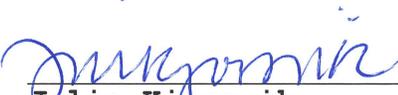
COMMISSIONER BERNDT moved to approve Ordinance No. 2014-013, Amending Kittitas County Code Chapter 10.07.020 "Winter Areas Designated". **COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN** seconded.

COMMISSIONER BERNDT felt it would be beneficial to get a master permit done at some point in time so people may have a better understanding. **COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN** said although he was not philosophically in favor of more permits, he was concerned with the safety of others and would support the proposed amendment.

CHAIRMAN JEWELL noted how it would be nice to have another Sno-Park instead of having to designate the road. Motion carried 3-0.

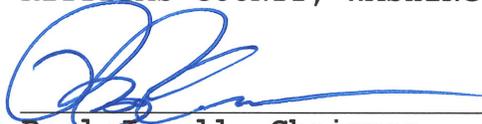
Meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD



Julie Kjørsvik

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



Paul Jewell, Chairman