

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

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 2, 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; Kirk Holmes, Public Works Director/Interim Building Official and approximately 25 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

PUBLIC WORKS

At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN JEWELL** opened a Public Hearing to consider approving the Kittitas County's 2015-2020 Capital Improvement Program.

JAN OLLIVIER, TRANSPORTATION MANAGER reviewed the proposed 2015-2020 Capital Improvement Program. She said there was a designated committee who provided input for the updates and that the process is coordinated with the annual budget. **KIRK HOLMES, PUBLIC WORKS/INTERIM BUILDING OFFICIAL** explained that according to the Growth Management Act they need to try and include as many critical public facilities as possible into the Capital Improvement Program.

CHAIRMAN JEWELL suggested changes to Table 1, Section 2 Kittitas County Administrative Offices and to also include possible property acquisition near the Fairgrounds (Mobile Home Park), noting the funding source would be a General Obligation Bond.

COMMISSIONER BERNDT moved to direct Staff to make changes to the document and to continue the Public Hearing to Tuesday December 16, 2014 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium, Room 109, 205 West 5th Avenue Ellensburg, WA noting the record is closed. **COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING 6 YR.TIP & ANNUAL ROAD CONSTRUCTION

PUBLIC WORKS

At 2:09 p.m. **CHAIRMAN JEWELL** opened a Public Hearing to consider amending the 2015-2020 Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan and the 2015 Annual Road Construction Program.

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JAN OLLIVIER, TRANSPORTATION MANAGER reviewed a Staff Report and said the proposed revisions were to correct funding amounts for the Kittitas Highway Safety Improvement project according to new information received from the awarded bid; to reduce funding amounts for 2015 due to a Levy Shift from the Road Fund to the General Fund of \$1 million dollars and to correct omissions to the 2015 Annual Road Construction Program to make it consistent with the 2015-2020 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program. She requested additional time to look at the budget. She explained that the Daily Record had a computer glitch in their system and the notice had not been properly advertised a second time and suggested closing the Public Hearing and re-advertising it for a later date.

There was no action taken by the Board of County Commissioners and the Public Hearing was closed.

PUBLIC HEARING WHEELED ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE USE PUBLIC WORKS

At 2:16 p.m. **CHAIRMAN JEWELL** opened a Public Hearing to consider lowering the speed limit on certain County Roads to allow Wheeled All-Terrain Vehicle use.

JAN OLLIVIER, TRANSPORTATION MANAGER reviewed an Engineer's Report proposing to lower the speed limit on certain gravel chip seal surface County Roads to allow Wheeled All-Terrain Vehicle use. She said in May of 2014 the County Commissioners amended Kittitas County Code Chapter 10.24 to allow use with an additional requirement that the Wheeled All-Terrain Vehicles have head lights that are utilized at all times on County maintained roads with posted speed limits of 35 miles per hour or less. She explained how there are additional County Roads currently posted at 50 mph that tie into 35 mph roads, and/or that are recreational areas that could benefit riders and public if the speed limit was lowered to 35 mph. She reviewed the evaluated roads, regulatory requirements, engineering and traffic investigation, and Staff's recommendations.

THOSE PRESENT & REQUESTING TO TESTIFY: BERNICE BEST said her and her family was in favor of lowering the speed limit in the Lower Green area. **MICHAEL ZAHARIAS** said he was a resident of Upper Green Canyon Road and explained how people speed on the road which creates a lot of dust from the gravel. He spoke in favor of posting a speed limit. **DAVID BRIDGEMAN** said he lives on Nelson Siding Road and was concerned with the current speed

limit of 50 mph. He said there are many new homes in the area which has created increased traffic in addition to those who use it to go around traffic when it's backed up on I-90. **JOEL UNDERHILL** agreed with Staff to leave the proposed speed limit of 50 mph near Cooke Canyon Road, as the residents do not want to have increased ATV traffic in their area. **STEVE ZAHARIAS** said he lives off of Upper Green Canyon Road and was in favor of lowering the speed limit, but was concerned with having an additional class of vehicles as they already have a lot of recreational traffic in the area. **PATRICIA BIZUK** said they already have a lot of traffic in the Cooke Canyon Road area, especially on the weekends and expressed concerns of having it turning into an area like Reecer Creek. **VEDA MITCHELL** said she lives in the upper part of Badger Pocket Road and did not have an issue with lowering the speed limit in that area. **MICHAEL DALY** said he did not want to see the speed limit increased in his area, as over the years they have experienced people drinking and driving ATV's and there is a lot of that type of activity in the area. **KEITH MANKOWSKY** spoke in favor of reducing the speed limit on Umptanum Road to 35 mph as would be in the best interest for public health and safety. **JAN MANKOWSKY** spoke in favor of reducing the speed limit on Umptanum Road to 35 mph, as there is heavy recreation in the area. **ARTITH KANER** said she uses Durr Road on a daily basis and agreed with Staff's proposed speed limit. She said it is very dangerous to walk in the area and it would be beneficial to everyone to reduce the speed limit. **ARLAN KUMMER** explained that he lives on Umptanum Road and how there are no speed limit signs past his place and how it has a lot of recreational traffic in the area. **ROBERT BEST** said he lives on Upper Green Canyon Road area and spoke in favor of lowering the speed limit. He felt hunters do not have respect for the road and expressed concerns with the large amount of livestock in the area. **LINDA TISDALL** said she would like the speed limits lowered on Gage, Cooke, and Colockum roads. She said she did not have any problems with people using the roads, but lowering the speed would be beneficial to everyone. **THERE BEING NO OTHERS REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

KIRK HOLMES, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/INTERIM BUILDING OFFICIAL answered questions from the County Commissioners relating to speed in various areas and where speed signs would be placed and noticed.

ORDINANCE 2014-016 WHEELED ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE USE PUBLIC WORKS

COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN moved to approve Ordinance 2014-016, Establishment of a Speed Zone and the Placement of Speed Limit Signs on certain Roads and Amending Section 10.08.020 of the Kittitas County Code, as presented. **COMMISSIONER BERNDT** seconded.

COMMISSIONER BERNDT expressed concerns with where to appropriately place the speed limit in the Umptanum area. **COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN** said Staff could bring forth additional information at a later time and it could be adjusted at that time. **MR. HOLMES** said it was clear that the speed study conducted on Umptanum Road took place on the upper part of the gravel section. **CHAIRMAN JEWELL** asked for Staff to report back with any accident data on Umptanum Road within the next six months.

Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



Julie Kjorsvik



Paul Jewell, Chairman