

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

**TUESDAY**

**2:00 P.M.**

**JANUARY 6, 2015**

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Marsha Weyand, Assessor; Christopher Horner, Deputy Prosecutor; Christy Garcia, Cadastral Tech. and 1 member of the public.

**PUBLIC HEARING OPEN SPACE TIMBER/DESIGNATED FOREST LAND ASSESSOR**

At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN BERNDT** opened a Public Hearing to consider Amending the Kittitas County Code Section 4.08.020 to reflect the consolidation of Open Space Timber RCW 84.34 with Designated Forest Land RCW 84.33.

**MARSHA WEYAND, ASSESSOR** reviewed a Staff Report which would amend Kittitas County Code Section 4.08.020 to reflect the consolidation of Open Space Timber RCW 84.34 with Designated Forest Land RCW 84.33. She said Senate Bill 6180 allows the County legislative authority to merge the two classifications and the Assessor must notify the timber land owners. She said there maybe a couple hundred property owners affected by the change. She suggested reviewing the fees for all current use at one time in the near future.

**CHRISTOPHER HORNER, DEPUTY PROSECUTOR** addressed the issue of labeling the programs and indicated the two programs terminology was taken directly out of the statute. **CHAIRMAN JEWELL** suggested striking the words "Open Space" and change it to "Timber Land", to ensure the language is all the same. **MR. HORNER** said he would make the change.

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

Staff was instructed to strike through the reference of "Open Space Timber Classification" and change it to "Timber Land Classification" throughout the document.

**2015-01-06 MINUTES**

**APPROVED**  
**1-20-15**

**ORDINANCE 2015-001 OPEN SPACE TIMBER/DESIG. FOREST LAND ASSESSOR**

**VICE-CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** moved to approve Ordinance No. 2015-001, Terminating the Kittitas County Open Space Timber Land Classification under Chapter 84.34 RCW and Merging it with the Designated Forest Land Program Under Chapter 84.33 RCW, and Amending Kittitas County code Section 4.08.020. **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD**

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

  
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**Julie Kjorsvik**

  
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**Gary Berndt, Chairman**