

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS AUDITORIUM
SPECIAL MEETING**

TUESDAY

3:00 P.M.

OCTOBER 13, 2015

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Mark Cook, Public Works Director; Roy Chance, Construction Manager; Doug Fessler, Network Administrator and Chris Walker, Telecommunications Director for NoaNet.

PUBLIC HEARING

NOANET FRANCHISE

PUBLIC WORKS

At 3:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN BERNDT** opened a Public Hearing continued from September 22, 2015, to consider a Franchise Application from Northwest Open Access Network, aka NoaNet for a Countywide Telecommunication Franchise. He noted the public testimony was closed.

ROY CHANCE, CONSTRUCTION MANAGER explained how the applicant had returned with additional information as requested by the Commissioners, including public benefits if the franchise were to be approved. **CHRIS WALKER, TELECOMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR FOR NOANET** submitted materials into the record and felt the information would resolve concerns the Board previously had. He reviewed proposed benefits it would provide to the citizens including public safety. He said the future is in advance cellular communications such as 4G & LTE services. He also reviewed FirstNet which is the First Responder Network dedicated to a nationwide public safety wireless, broadband network for emergency responders that will use high-speed 4G/LTE technology for inoperable data and cellular voice communication for use in the event of disasters.

DOUG FESSLER, NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR provided information on the LGN (Local Government Network) that would connect to other Counties and Cities as well as other State services. He said the IT Department had reviewed the proposed Memorandum of Understanding and was in support of it.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL said after hearing the additional information he felt satisfied and would be ready for the final agreements.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to approve a Countywide Franchise Agreement between Kittitas County and NoaNet, noting the discussions on an Interlocal Agreement/Memorandum of Agreement and to have it come before Board for consideration in the next couple weeks and be

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acceptable to County noting that if it does not occur, today's action would become null & void. **CHAIRMAN BERNDT** seconded. Motion carried 2-0

The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD



Julie Kjorsvik

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Gary Berndt, Chairman