

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

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

NOVEMBER 3, 2015

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Mark Cook, Public Works Director; Doc Hansen, Planning Official/Interim Planning Director; Mike Flory, Plans Examiner/Interim Building Official; Jerry Pettit, Auditor; Doug D'Hondt, Engineer; Kay Kresge, Fiscal Analyst and 2 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING

SURPLUS COUNTY PROPERTY

AUDITOR

At 2:00 p.m. **VICE-CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** opened a Public Hearing to consider disposal of Surplus of County property.

KAY KRESGE, FISCAL ANALYST reviewed a list of items that are to be sold or traded in or transferred to another agency and/or sold on Publicsurplus.com; removed as no value or junked or destroyed; and the bowling alley building list.

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

RESOLUTION 2015-147

DECLARE EQUIPMENT SURPLUS

AUDITOR

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-147, Declaring Equipment Surplus. **VICE-CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

SIX YEAR TIP & ANNUAL CONSTRUCTION

PUBLIC WORKS

At 2:03 p.m. **VICE-CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** opened a Public Hearing to consider the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan for 2016-2021 & Annual Construction Program for 2016.

DOUG D'HONDT, ENGINEER reviewed the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan for the Years 2016-2021 and Annual Road Construction Program for 2016.

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

APPROVED
11/25/15

RESOLUTION 2015-148 ANNUAL ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM PUBLIC WORKS

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-148, Adopting an Annual Road Construction Program for 2016. **VICE-CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

RESOLUTION 2015-149 SIX-YEAR TIP PUBLIC WORKS

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-149, Adopting a Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan for the Years 2016-2021. **VICE-CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** seconded.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL expressed his appreciation to County Staff for their work including holding open houses and making the information available to the public.

Motion carried 2-0.

PUBLIC HEARING SPEED LIMIT - LAMBERT ROAD PUBLIC WORKS

At 2:09 p.m. **VICE-CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** opened a Public Hearing to consider lowering the speed limit on Lambert Road.

DOUG D'HONDT, ENGINEER reviewed a request to lower the speed limit on Lambert Road from 50 mph to 35 mph. He said the speed study was not unusual and had been generated by Staff after hard surfacing the road.

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

ORDINANCE 2015-008 SPEED LIMIT - LAMBERT ROAD PUBLIC WORKS

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to approve Ordinance No. 2015-008, Amending Kittitas County Code Chapter 10.08 "Speed Limits on County Roads", specifically addressing Lambert Road. **VICE-CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

PUBLIC HEARING CDS FEES CDS

At 2:14 p.m. **VICE-CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** opened a Public Hearing to consider changes in the Community Development Service Application Fees.

DOC HANSEN, PLANNING OFFICIAL/INTERIM PLANNING DIRECTOR provided historical information on how the proposed new fees had been determined for Community Development Services. He explained that in 2012 there had been proposed fees brought forward to the Commissioners which had mostly been related to land use. At that time there had been a request from the Homebuilders Association for

the County to provide information on where the fees had been going. The Commissioners directed Staff to form a work group to figure out how the fees could be accounted for. In December 2012 the work group came up with a recommendation regarding an adjustment of fees and while they had been put in the General Fund in the past, they determined an enterprise fund should be established and fees at cost recovery. He indicated the FCS Group, a consulting firm out of Seattle had been chosen through a bid process to complete a study of the CDS activities and determine cost of service to process building permits and land use actions.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: THAD VAUGHN, PRESIDENT OF THE CENTRAL WASHINGTON HOMEBUILDERS ASSOCIATION said they supported the proposed fees as long as they were based on a public table where they can see that transparency is working. He indicated that as a builder he appreciated the ability to tell his customers what the exact fees are going to be, unlike what it has been like in the past. He thanked the Community Development Services department for their hard work and appreciated the services they have been providing. **THERE BEING NO OTHERS REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

COMMISSIONER JEWELL expressed his appreciation for the work that Staff has done as well as the methodology used on the model. The Board of Commissioners asked questions relating to Agriculture Building, Residential Solar Panel Fee and Planning Services. **MIKE FLORY, PLANS EXAMINER/INTERIM BUILDING OFFICIAL** explained the definitions and reviewed the proposed fees. The Board discussed reducing a few of the proposed fees including Large Lot fee, Sign Fee and Transfer of Development Rights.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to approve the proposed fees; adjusting the Land Use Action - Large Lot fee to \$2,320.00; reducing the proposed Planning - Sign Fee to \$150.00; reducing the Transfer of Development Rights fee to \$200.00; adopting the methodology for evaluation; and instruct Staff to prepare enabling documents. **VICE-CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD


Julie Kjorsvik

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Obie O'Brien, Vice-Chairman