

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

**TUESDAY**

**2:00 P.M.**

**JUNE 4, 2024**

Board members present: Chairman Brett Wachsmith; Vice-Chairman Osiadacz; and Commissioner Cory Wright.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Josh Fredrickson, Engineer; Stephanie Hartung, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor; Mandy Buchholz, Office Administrator; Kady Porterfield, Event Center Director; Clay Myers, Sheriff; Chris Whitsett, Inspector; Chad Bala, CDS Director; and approximately 30 members of the public.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**SPRINGWOOD RANCH PROPERTY**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** opened a Public Hearing to consider an Agreement of Conveyance of Real Property and Closing Documents required to accept a portion of the Springwood Ranch Property.

**ARDEN THOMAS, WATER RESOURCE PROGRAM MANAGER**, reviewed a Staff Report and explained how The Trust for Public Land, a non-profit organization, acquired real property known as Springwood Ranch. The Washington State Legislature is providing funding for the property in exchange for conveying the property to Kittitas County, the Department of Fish & Wildlife, the Yakama Nation, and the Kittitas Reclamation District, for public benefit purposes. The primary public benefit associated with the Springwood Ranch acquisition is to secure the site for a water supply reservoir. The budget provision stipulates that the portion of Springwood Ranch transferred to Kittitas County for its ownership and management will provide benefits associated with maintaining existing agricultural uses or future uses allowed under current zoning or that provide a public use or benefit.

**THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: ANDREW PERKINS, THORP SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT**, made a formal request on behalf of the Thorp School District, that part of the 3,000 acres be reserved for a future school site in Thorp. **URBAN EBERHART, SECRETARY/MANAGER FOR THE KITITAS RECLAMATION DISTRICT**, said they passed a Resolution for reservoir, and they supported Kittitas County accepting their portion of the land. **PAT KELLEHER** questioned the process and said the public could not see what land was going to be accepted in the proposed agreement. He also asked about phrasing in the legislation for purposes associated with maintaining current zoning and the public use/benefit. **TOM CHINI** asked if there was a map to see where the property was located. **LOIS BELL** said she shared an irrigation ditch with Springwood and hoped they could come to a solution to

share it in the future. She wanted to let the County know she found a cemetery from the 1890's and would like it to be preserved. **PETER DYKSTRA, THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LANDS CONSULTANT** spoke in favor of accepting the portion of Springwood Ranch property and said it had been quite an effort to secure property and future landowners. **TOM MAYER** spoke of the existing water rights and allocation.

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

**COMMISSIONER WRIGHT** thanked all the partners and explained how it's gone through a rigorous review, and all parties have come together. He spoke in favor of the County title and the next step is to continue working together with public transparency.

**RESOLUTION 2024-100                      SPRINGWOOD RANCH                      PUBLIC WORKS**

**VICE-CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ** moved to approve Resolution 2024-100, Authorizing Chair Signature on an Agreement of Conveyance of Real Property and Closing Documents. **COMMISSIONER WRIGHT** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING                      SURPLUS EQUIPMENT                      CDS**

At 2:23 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** opened a Public Hearing to consider equipment surplus to Kittitas County's needs and to authorize the disposal in accordance with RCW 36.34.080.

**CHAD BALA, CDS DIRECTOR**, reviewed a Staff Report and requested the Board to declare four (4) vehicles as surplus, as they are no longer in use.

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

**RESOLUTION 2024-101                      SURPLUS EQUIPMENT                      CDS**

**VICE-CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ** moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-101, Declaring Community Development Services Vehicles Surplus to the County's Needs and to Authorize Disposal. **COMMISSIONER WRIGHT** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING                      AMEND PARKING RATES                      EVENT CENTER**

At 2:25 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** opened a Public Hearing to consider amendment to the parking rates at the Kittitas County Fair.

**KADY PORTERFIELD, EVENT CENTER DIRECTOR**, reviewed a Staff Report and recommended adopting amendments to the parking rates at the Kittitas County Fair.

**THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: JERRY LAEL, DIRECTOR OF FAIR BOARD** said he was concerned with those working minimum wage at the parking lot and although it may make a difference in revenue, he didn't feel it would help out with traffic. **PAT KELLEHER** spoke about his previous comments and the intention to making it work for the community. He said he didn't see it in the master plan addressing the problems.

**RESOLUTION 2024-102**

**AMEND PARKING RATES**

**EVENT CENTER**

**VICE-CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ** moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-102, Adopting Amendments to Parking Rates at the Kittitas County Fair, effective June 5, 2024. **COMMISSIONER WRIGHT** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**IRRIGATION FRANCHISE - JENSEN**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

At approximately 2:32 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** opened a Public Hearing to consider an Irrigation Franchise with Adam Jensen along Upper Badger Pocket Road and WPA Road.

**JOSH FREDRICKSON, ENGINEER**, reviewed a Staff Report and recommended approval of a request for an Irrigation Franchise with Adam Jensen.

**THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: RICHARD LEWIS** spoke of an easement and how water has historically been delivered. **THERE BEING NO OTHERS REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**AGREEMENT**

**IRRIGATION FRANCHISE - JENSEN**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**VICE-CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ** moved to approve a Non-Exclusive Irrigation Water Franchise with Adam Jensen, to Use County Roads, Rights-of-Way and Other County Property Within Kittitas County. **COMMISSIONER WRIGHT** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE - AIRPORT LEASE**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

At approximately 2:37 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** opened a Public Hearing to consider a Lease with the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office for property located at the Kittitas County Airport, Bowers Field.

**JOSH FREDRICKSON, ENGINEER**, reviewed a Staff Report and said the proposed Lease was to clarify the lease terms with the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office for property located at the Kittitas County Airport, Bowers Field.

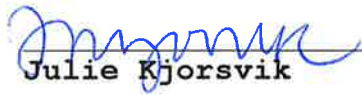
**THERE BEING NO ONE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**RESOLUTION 2024-103     SHERIFF'S OFFICE - AIRPORT LEASE     PUBLIC WORKS**


**VICE-CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ** moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-103, to Execute a Lease with the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office, for Property at Bowers Field, for Lot C-5 and Lot C-6. **COMMISSIONER WRIGHT** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The meeting concluded at 2:39 p.m.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD**

  
Julie Kjorsvik

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

  
Brett Wachsmith, Chairman