

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
PUBLIC HEARING**

TUESDAY

4:00 P.M.

JUNE 17, 2003

Board members in attendance: Chairman Max A. Golladay, and Vice-Chairman Perry Huston.

Others: Shannon Carlson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Paul Bennett, Public Works Director, Bert Marx, Sergeant Kittitas County Jail; Gene Dana, Sheriff; Undersheriff Rob Degroot, Sheriff's Department; Clay Myers, Chief Deputy Kittitas County Jail; Warren Beed, Facilities Director; Matt Anderson, Human Resources; Judy Pless, Finance Manager, and approximately 10 members of the public.

✓ **PUBLIC HEARING**

AGREEMENT JOHN WAYNE CHARTER

PUBLIC WORKS

At approximately 4:00 p.m. Chairman Golladay opened the public hearing to consider an Agreement for the John Wayne Charter.

PAUL BENNETT, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR went through the history of how the John Wayne Charter was drafted. The most important point that Mr. Bennett stressed to the John Wayne Trail Committee, was that the county does not have any interest in recreation or funding recreation activities.

CHAIRMAN GOLLADAY opened the public hearing to public testimony.

THOSE PRESENT AND TESTIFYING:

WALT FARRAR, thanked the Board for their support in this effort to develop an agreement the John Wayne Trail. Mr. Farrar is a member of the John Wayne Trail Steering Committee and the Pioneer Trail Riders. He has been riding the trail for years. Mr. Farrar went on to explain that the Charter was developed as a way for the City, County, University and State to show their support for the development of the trail. It does not hold any agency financially responsible in any manner. There is money available from the State Legislator to be used for improvements to the trail. After all the agencies involved have signed the charter, the John Wayne Trail Steering Committee will start developing Interlocal Agreements.

BILL VERTRESS, DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES CWU, Participated in the John Wayne Trail study. The Board of Trustees and other agencies are ready to approve and sign the charter. They want to get Central back in

connection with the John Wayne Trail.

JOHN BARKER, worked as the Consultant in the reconnection study. They helped 16 public meetings around town and found that landowners living along the trail built a plan of support. The majority of people liked the idea of having a non-motorized trail. He would like to see the connection with the City, CWU and the landowners, so that the trail would lead from the Cascades to the Columbia.

BRAD CASE, INTERIM RECREATION DIRECTOR CITY OF ELLENSBURG, believes that this is a wonderful project for the county, city, state and CWU to be a part of. The uniqueness of the partnership and bringing in landowners to make the project complete is a great idea. The Charter is like a stamp of approval from the different entities. The City is in the recreational business understanding that the county is not this is where the Interlocal Agreement would take effect.

RICHARD JANSEN, PRESIDENT OF THE JOHN WAYNE TRAIL ASSOCIATION, has been using the trail for 22 years, and said the association is in favor of the Charter.

THERE BEING NO OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE TO TESTIFY, CHAIRMAN GOLLADAY CLOSED THE PUBLIC TESTIMONY PORTION OF THE HEARING.

MOTION

AGREEMENT JOHN WAYNE CHARTER

PUBLIC WORKS

COMMISSIONER HUSTON moved to authorize the Chairman's signature on the John Wayne Trail Charter, with the understanding that the County reserves the right not to sign an Interlocal Agreement since the County has no interest in the recreation business. **COMMISSIONER GOLLADAY** seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

✓ **PUBLIC HEARING**

KITTITAS CO. CODE 9.10.03 AMENDMENT

SHERIFF

At approximately 4:38 p.m. Chairman Golladay opened the public hearing to consider Kittitas County Code 9.10.030 Amendment, Allowing for Issuance of Permits to Authorize Motorized Vessels on Restricted Areas of the Yakima River.

ROB DEGROOT, UNDERSHERIFF presented the staff report to the Board. He explained that Mr. John Smets spoke with the Sheriff's Department requesting that motorized vessels be allowed on the Yakima River, so that he and his family could clean the portion of the River that abuts his land. At this time, the Sheriff's Department doesn't have a

\$1,364,391.00.

CHAIRMAN GOLLADAY opened the public hearing to public testimony.

PAUL BENNETT, AIRPORT MANAGER spoke on the \$117,200 from the airport. He explained that the amount reflected the carry over for the runway project.

PAT KELLEHER commented on the exporting of inmates to Sunnyside. He talked about his experience when he toured the jail. He offered suggestions of adding more bunk beds, grouping the inmates in categories (work release, trustees, etc), and the use of army cots, which could be supplemented when more space is needed. He also asked the question of why Kittitas County numbers for pre-trial inmates rose 35%, but statewide it only increased 10% in one year. He suggested better management of pre-trial inmates.

BERT MARX, CORRECTIONS SERGEANT explained that even though they were able to make accommodations for more inmates, the building itself was only built to house 45 inmates, and they are not able to build a third floor. The jail operates fairly well with 90 inmates with the current staff. The recommendation is to send up to 15 inmates to Sunnyside when needed and on an interim basis. The increase in pre-trial inmates has to do with the judge's decisions; the jail staff has no control over what the courts decide.

CLAY MYERS, CHIEF OF CORRECTIONS, testified that adding the bunks may give more space but there is still the safety issue. There have already been assaults between inmates because of lack of space and having doors unlocked so that the inmates could have access to facilities. They are asking to transfer up to 15 inmates to Sunnyside in case the population increases. Mr. Myers presented two options for funding for the Corrections Officer, Clerk and five Control Room Officers.

1. Hire all staff on July 1, 2003. There is enough money in the Juvenile/Criminal Justice Tax that could support the funding until 2004.
2. Use same funding source but stagger the hiring. Hire the Clerk and Corrections Officer now and then once a month hire a Control Room Officer. By staggering the hiring dates this would provide enough funding through 2005.

There are also additional benefits to staggering the hiring. It will provide for better training opportunities to the new staff, as well as facilitating and adopting a training for the new Control Room Officers.

CAROLYN MELVIN testified that she had some concerns about the inadequate ratio of Corrections Officers to inmates. There is a liability for the

Corrections Staff to get hurt because there is not the assistance on the floor.

THERE BEING NO OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE TO TESTIFY, CHAIRMAN GOLLADAY CLOSED THE PUBLIC TESTIMONY PORTION OF THE HEARING.

COMMISSIONER HUSTON thanked the efforts of the Kittitas County Sheriff's Officers and Corrections staff for their dedication and hard work.

✓ RESOLUTION 2003-70 2003 BUDGET AMENDMENTS AUDITOR

COMMISSIONER HUSTON moved to approve Resolution 2003-70, for 2003 Budget Amendments in the amount of \$1,147,886.00. COMMISSIONER HUSTON wanted to highlight the \$15,000 professional services budget with the expense of employee issues this amount may increase over the rest of the year. COMMISSIONER GOLLADAY seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

✓ RESOLUTION 2003-71 2003 BUDGET AMENDMENTS AUDITOR

COMMISSIONER HUSTON moved to approve Resolution 2003-71, Contract for Jail Service with the City of Sunnyside in the amount of \$96,600.00. Funding to be budgeted out of the Adult/Juvenile Facility 1/10th sales tax in the amount of \$96,600.00. COMMISSIONER GOLLADAY seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

COMMISSIONER HUSTON moved to Authorize Chairman's signature on the Contract for Jail Services with the City of Sunnyside in the amount of \$96,600.00 for up to 15 inmates. Contract to begin July 1, 2003, and automatically renewing on an annual basis unless notice is given. COMMISSIONER GOLLADAY seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

✓ RESOLUTION 2003-72 2003 BUDGET AMENDMENTS AUDITOR

COMMISSIONER HUSTON moved to approve Resolution 2003-72, Increasing Jail staff with One (1) Corrections Officer, One (1) Clerk, and Five (5) Control Room Officers in the amount of \$16,235.00 to be budgeted from the Criminal Justice 1/10th Sales Tax. Hiring of the Corrections Officer and Clerk is to start July 1st. The five Control Room Officers hiring to be staggered once a month starting August 1st. COMMISSIONER GOLLADAY seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD


Shannon L. Carlson

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Max Golladay, Chairman