

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

TUESDAY

4:00 P.M.

JULY 8, 2003

Board members present: Vice-Chairman Perry D. Huston & Bruce Coe.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Warren Beed, Facilities Director and 3 members of the public.

✓PUBLIC HEARING

PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

COMMISSIONERS

At approximately 4:00 p.m. **COMMISSIONER HUSTON** opened a public hearing to consider purchasing real estate located at 606 North Water - Tax #17-18-02050-0102, 206 West 7th - Tax #17-18-0250-0101; 204 West 7th - Tax #17-18-02050-0112; 204 West 7th - Tax #17-18-02050-0111; and 808 North Maple - Tax #18-18-36056-8017.

WARREN BEED, FACILITIES MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR, reviewed information relating to the properties located at the end of North Water Street, to be used for the jail expansion. He said the cash buy out would total \$323,109.00, which would come from the Juvenile Detention fund. He said someone is interested in moving the house from one of the properties, which would save the County money in demolition costs. If the Board approved the purchase, the current owners would have thirty-days from the date of closing, to move all personal belongings from the property. **COMMISSIONER HUSTON** explained that even though he has signed the Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreements, the Agreements are not considered ratified, until the Board of Commissioners approve it.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: DON DAVIS, speaking on behalf of himself and the Human Rights Coalition, expressed opposition to such a large expansion to the jail. He felt a "systems management" approach was needed for the jail. He explained that with government cutbacks, it was not necessary to spend additional money on an "unnecessary" jail expansion. **THERE BEING NO FURTHER TESTIMONY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

COMMISSIONER COE agreed the criminal justice system needed to be reformed, but the County does not have a choice taking in prisoners. The County needs to be prepared to take in additional prisoners versus keeping them on the streets. He felt the Board has negotiated fairly, with the public's best interest in mind. **COMMISSIONER HUSTON** explained the safety issues with the existing facility. He recognized the

economic hardship to the citizens, but reminded everyone the Board had approved a ceiling of \$16 million, including site acquisition.

MOTION

PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONER HUSTON moved to approve and ratify signature on a Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement, for Tax Parcel #17-18-02050-0101; #17-18-02050-0102; #17-18-02050-0111; & 17-18-02050-0112, in the total amount of \$323,109.00, from the Juvenile Detention fund, noting the closing date of July 10, 2003, and to authorize the Chair to sign upon receipt, final real estate documents relating to the purchase. **COMMISSIONER COE** seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

COMMISSIONERS

At approximately 4:20 p.m. **COMMISSIONER HUSTON** opened a public hearing to consider purchasing real estate located at 808 North Maple - Tax #18-18-36056-8017.

WARREN BEED, FACILITIES DIRECTOR reviewed the location of the property and said the purchase price is \$72,630.00, with Kittitas County paying for all closing costs, and mentioned it could be funded out of the Real Estate Excise Tax, or the Fair's Capital Improvement fund. The property is not needed immediately for the Fair expansion, so in the meantime the County could continue to rent the house for the next 5-7 years. **THERE BEING NO PUBLIC INTERESTED IN TESTIFYING, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

MOTION

PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

COMMISSIONERS


COMMISSIONER COE moved to approve and ratify the Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement, for 808 N. Maple Tax #18-18-36056-8017, in the amount of \$72,630.00, noting Kittitas County will pay all closing costs. **COMMISSIONER HUSTON** seconded. Motion carried 2-0. The Board noted an interest in reviewing the differences in account balances prior to the closing.

Meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Julie A. Kjorsvik


Perry D. Huston, Vice-Chairman