

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

TUESDAY

4:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 16, 2003

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

Others: Shannon Carlson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Paul Bennett, Public Works Director, Jim Hurson, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney; Judy Pless, Finance Manager, and approximately 5 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING

AMEND 2003 BUDGET

AUDITOR

At approximately 4:25 p.m. **CHAIRMAN GOLLADAY** opened the public hearing to consider Amending the 2003 Budget.

JUDY PLESS, FINANCE MANAGER gave her staff report of the amendments for the 2003 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$1,011,536.00; the Vehicle Replacement Budget in the amount of \$28,000.00; the Community Services Budget in the amount of \$16,000.00; the EIS Trust Budget in the amount of \$800,000; the 911 Excise Tax Budget in the amount of \$200,000; the Jail/Courthouse Expansion Budget in the amount of \$1,200,000.00; the Capital Facilities Budget in the amount of \$804,991.00; the Rodeo/Fair Capital Improvement Budget in the amount of \$67,447.00; the Solid Waste Budget in the amount of \$167,149.00 and the Unemployment Compensation Budget in the amount of \$15,0000 for a total of \$4,310,123.00.

CHAIRMAN GOLLADAY opened the public hearing to public testimony.

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

RESOLUTION 2003-151

AMEND 2003 BUDGET

AUDITOR

COMMISSIONER HUSTON moved to approve Resolution #2003-151 Amending the 2003 Budget. **COMMISSIONER COE** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE HOURS

ASSESSORS

At approximately 4:40 p.m. **CHAIRMAN GOLLADAY** opened the public hearing to consider Changing the Office Hours of the Assessor's Office.

IRIS ROMINGER, ASSESSOR gave a staff report. She explained that due to staff reductions and budget cuts she is asking to change her office hours so that her office would open at 9:00 a.m. instead of 8:00 a.m. and be closed during the lunch hour. She recently received a letter stating that Mountain Star would be open to provide financial assistance for another staff member in her office.

COMMISSIONER COE questioned how busy their office is at lunch and how this would effect customer service. **MS. ROMINGER** explained that she looked at other hours and these were this seemed like the only resolution. She explained that she would like to put this on a trial basis and see what the impacts are.

CHAIRMAN GOLLADAY opened the public hearing to public testimony.

AMY MILLS, TREASURER said she had spoke with Iris about the closer since their departments work collectively, she offered to help in any way her department could.

COMMISSIONER COE said he would like to re-visit this in 3 months to get public comment. It is important to get the word out and let the public know of the changes.

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

✓ **RESOLUTION 2003-152**

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

ASSESSOR

COMMISSIONER HUSTON moved to approve, Resolution No. 2003-152, Approving the Kittitas County Assessor's Office Hours Open to the Public.

COMMISSIONER COE second. Motion passed 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

OPEN SPACE TIMBER REQUEST

COMMISSIONER

At approximately 4:50 p.m. **CHAIRMAN GOLLADAY** opened the public hearing to consider Open Space Timber Requests from James Kieburtz, Marc Kirkpatrick, Scott and Kimberly Lindley, Dave Caple and Karen Bruhn, Michael and Kathy Rust, Henry Clark and Kari Chellis, David and Barbara Mahoney and Mike and Carol Evonick. (Bertino)

CHAIRMAN GOLLADAY read over the staff report and acknowledged a memo from Marsha Weyand from the Assessors office, stating that all information was correct.

CHAIRMAN GOLLADAY opened the public hearing to public testimony.

PHIL HESS, FORESTER explained that he drafted five of the Timber Management Plans. He supported approving the applications.

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

AGREEMENTS

OPEN SPACE TIMBER REQUESTS

COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONER HUSTON moved to approve and authorize the Chairman's Signature on the Open Space Timber Taxation Agreements for James Kieburtz, Marc Kirkpatrick, Scott and Kimberly Lindley, Dave Caple and Karen Bruhn, Michael and Kathy Rust, Henry Clark and Kari Chellis, David and Barbara Mahoney and Mike and Carol Evonick. COMMISSIONER COE second. Motion carried 3-0.

✓ **PUBLIC HEARING**

2003 COMP. PLAN AMENDMENTS

CDS

At approximately 5:00 p.m. CHAIRMAN GOLLADAY opened the public hearing to consider Approving an Ordinance Adopting the 2003 Comprehensive Plan Amendments.

CLAY WHITE, STAFF PLANNER gave a staff report and presented an ordinance outlying all the items to be docketed for the 2003 Comprehensive Plan Amendments.

CHAIRMAN GOLLADAY opened the public hearing to public testimony.

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

✓ **ORDINANCE 2003-18**

2003 COMP. PLAN AMENDMENTS

CDS

COMMISSIONER HUSTON moved to approve Ordinance #2003-18, for the 2003 Annual Amendments to Title 20 Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan. COMMISSIONER COE second. Motion carried 3-0.

✓ **PUBLIC HEARING**

ADD MOODY DRIVE CO. RD. SYSTEM

PUBLIC WORKS

At approximately 5:15 p.m. CHAIRMAN GOLLADAY opened the public hearing to consider Adding Moody Drive to the County Road Maintenance System.

PAUL BENNETT, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS gave an engineers report. A petition was received by his office on October 2, 2003 from Mr. Steve Lathrop representing Mr. Larry Hillis, to include Moody Drive onto the County Maintenance System. A final inspection was performed on October 30, 2003 by Kittitas County and no deficiencies were identified. Mr. Bennett explained that the road was automatically brought onto the road

system upon the signature on the final mylar of the plat. Mr. Hillis agreed to a maintenance bond of \$10,000.

COMMISSIONER HUSTON clarified that once a mylar is signed, whether it is built or not, was it automatically brought on to the county road maintenance system? **PAUL BENNETT** said he would need to read the RCW for clarification.

COMMISSIONER COE said that there needs to be a check and balance procedure in place and language needs to be placed on the final mylars with regard to specifications on County Roads. **COMMISSIONER HUSTON** expressed concern of the level of information that came before the Board for final plat approval. He requested that when the plat is in front of the Board for approval all information should be presented at that time.

CHAIRMAN GOLLADAY opened the public hearing to public testimony.

JEFF SLOWTOWER, ATTORNEY representing Mr. Hillis concurred with the staff report that Mr. Bennett gave.

JIM HURSON, DEPUTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY suggested that road standards and plans for plats need to be revisited.

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

COMMISSIONER HUSTON directed staff to draft a Resolution accepting Moody Drive onto the County Maintenance System and to explore the requirements of accepting a road onto the County Maintenance system. **COMMISSIONER COE** second. **COMMISSIONER HUSTON** said that the Resolution would be closing to this item. Resolution is to be on the next Commissioners meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

✓ **PUBLIC HEARING** **ADD FIELDSTONE CT CO. RD. SYSTEM** **PUBLIC WORKS**

At approximately 5:20 p.m. **CHAIRMAN GOLLADAY** opened the public hearing to consider Adding Moody Drive to the County Road Maintenance System.

PAUL BENNETT, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR said that the same testimony applied to the last public hearing with regard to Moody Drive.

CHAIRMAN GOLLADAY opened the public hearing to public testimony.

JEFF SLOWTOWER, ATTORNEY said that once again he concurred.

THERE BEING NO ONE ELSE IN ATTENDANCE TO TESTIFY, CHAIRMAN GOLLADAY

CLOSED THE PUBLIC TESTIMONY PORTION OF THE HEARING.

COMMISSIONER HUSTON directed staff to draft a Resolution accepting Fieldstone Court onto the County Maintenance System and to explore the requirements of accepting a road onto the County Maintenance system. **COMMISSIONER COE** second. **COMMISSIONER HUSTON** said that the Resolution would be closing to this item. Resolution is to be on the next Commissioners meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING AMEND. KIT. CO 10.08.020-SPEED LIMITS PUBLIC WORKS

At approximately 5:25 p.m. **CHAIRMAN GOLLADAY** opened the public hearing to consider Amending the Kittitas County Code 10.08.020 Speed Limits on County Roads.

PAUL BENNETT, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS gave a staff report recommending that Meadow View Drive, before the intersection of Robinson Canyon Road be posted at 25 miles per hour, and Chandler Road be posted at 35 miles per hour before the intersection of Woods and Steel Road.

CHAIRMAN GOLLADAY opened the public hearing to public testimony.

CHAIRMAN GOLLADAY questioned if his proposal was a standard way of determining the speed limits? **MR. BENNETT** explained that in the larger sub divisions the standard is 25 miles per hour. **COMMISSIONER GOLLADAY** expressed his concern for consistency.

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

✓ **ORDINANCE #2003-19 AMEND. KIT. CO 10-08-020-SPEED LIMITS PUBLIC WORKS**

COMMISSIONER HUSTON moved to amend Ordinance No. 2003-19 to read the Department of Public Works has determined that a 35 mile per hour speed limit sign would improve safety at Chandler Road before the intersection of Woods and Steele Road. **COMMISSIONER COE** second. Motion carried 3-0.

COMMISSIONER HUSTON moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2003-19 Placing Speed Limit Signs on the Following County Roads and Amending Section 10.08.020 of the Kittitas County Code, Chandler Road before the intersection of Woods and Steele Road. **COMMISSIONER COE** second. Motion carried 3-0.

✓ **ORDINANCE #2003-20 AMEND. KIT. CO 10-08-020-SPEED LIMITS PUBLIC WORKS**

COMMISSIONER HUSTON, moved to amend Ordinance No. 2003-20 to read the Department of Public Works has determined that a 25 mile per hour speed

limit sign would improve safety at Meadow View Drive before the intersection of Robinson Canyon. **COMMISSIONER COE** second. Motion carried 3-0.

COMMISSIONER HUSTON moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2003-20 Placing Speed Limit Signs on the Following County Roads and Amending Section 10.08.020 of the Kittitas County Code, Meadow View Drive before the intersection of Robinson Canyon. **COMMISSIONER COE** second. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING AMENDING KIT. CO CODE 10.12.010(1) PUBLIC WORKS

At approximately 5:35 p.m. **CHAIRMAN GOLLADAY** opened the public hearing to consider Adding Moody Drive to the County Road Maintenance System.

PAUL BENNETT, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS stated that there were no changes from the last public hearing and recommended that the Board approve Placing Stop Signs on the Following County Roads and Amending Section 10.12.010(1) of the Kittitas County Code.

CHAIRMAN GOLLADAY opened the public hearing to public testimony.

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

✓ **ORDINANCE #2003-21 AMENDING KIT. CO. CODE 10.12.010(1) PUBLIC WORKS**

COMMISSIONER HUSTON moved to approve Ordinance No. 2003-21, Placing Stop Signs on the following County Roads and Amending Section 10.12.010(1) of the Kittitas County Code; Meadowview Drive at the intersection of Robinson Canyon and Chandler Road at the intersection of Woods and Steele. **COMMISSIONER COE** second. Motion carried 3-0.

✓ **PUBLIC HEARING VACATION OF OLD SUNSET HIGHWAY PUBLIC WORKS**

At approximately 5:40 p.m. **CHAIRMAN GOLLADAY** opened the public hearing to consider the vacation a portion of Old Sunset Highway.

PAUL BENNETT, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS referred to a letter he received December 10, 2003 from Steve Lathrop asking for the vacation of the Old Sunset Highway right of way, including the Bullfrog Bridge, lying northerly and westerly of the current location of Bullfrog Road be continued.

CHAIRMAN GOLLADAY opened the public hearing to public testimony.

MARK SIMONE, RESIDENT expressed some concerns to the portion of the Old Sunset Highway that is being considered. He was wondering why it was

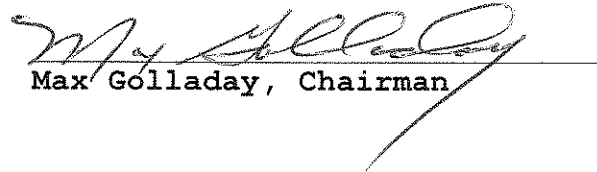
COMMISSIONER COE second. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD


Shannon L. Carlson

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Max Golladay, Chairman