

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
AGENDA SESSION**

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

JANUARY 4, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board, called the meeting to order.

Board members present: Commissioner Perry Huston, Commissioner David Bowen and Commissioner Alan Crankovich.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Allison Kimball, Community Development Services, Operations Supervisor; Darryl Piercy, Community Development Services Director; Jan Sharar, Staff Planner; James Hurson, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor and two members of the public.

NOMINATIONS OF CHAIR & VICE-CHAIR FOR 2005

Julie Kjorsvik asked for nominations for Chairman of the Board for the year 2005.

Commissioner Bowen nominated Commissioner Huston to serve as Chairman for 2005. Commissioner Crankovich seconded the nomination. Nominations were closed. A unanimous ballot was cast for Commissioner Huston to serve as Chairman for the year 2005.

Chairman Huston asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman for the year 2005. Commissioner Crankovich nominated Commissioner Bowen to serve as Vice-Chairman. Chairman Huston seconded the nomination. Nominations were closed. A unanimous ballot was cast for Commissioner Bowen to serve as Vice-Chairman.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COUNTY EMPLOYEES

Darryl Piercy, Director of Community Development Services introduced Mandy Motes as their new Administrative Assistant.

PROCLAMATIONS - NONE

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS - NONE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Huston noted the addition of a Resolution Amending the Kittitas County Travel Policy has been added under Administrative Matters and that the Board would go into an Executive Session for issues relating to pending litigation and that they would defer Items D and E under Board Discussion & Decision until the Board recessed back out of the Executive Session.

Commissioner Bowen moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed under the Consent Agenda were distributed to the Board of County Commissioners in advance for study and were enacted by one motion with separate discussion to the extent any items were removed from the Consent Agenda at the request of a Board member.

Commissioner Bowen moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION 2005-02 REVIEWING WAGES FOR EMPLOYEES HUMAN RESOURCES

Approve Resolution No. 2005-02, In the Matter of Reviewing Wages for Employees, allowing the Board at its discretion to make any salary/wage rate benefits payments retroactive to January 1, 2005 for all affected employees.

SET CLOSED RECORD MEETING HIDDEN VALLEY MEADOWS CDS

Approve setting a Closed Record Meeting to consider Preliminary Plat approval for Hidden Valley Meadows (P-04-06), for a plat subdivision of approximately 39.37 acres into 5 lots ranging in size from 6.50 to 9.08 acres located east of Hidden Valley Road, north of Emerick Road and South of State Route 970 to be held on Tuesday January 18, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse, Ellensburg.

SET CLOSED RECORD MEETING HIDDEN VALLEY VISTAS CDS

Approve setting a Closed Record Meeting to consider Preliminary Plat approval for Hidden Valley Vistas (P-04-05), for a plat subdivision of approximately 41.37 acres into 7 lots ranging in size from 3.49 to 9.08 acres located east of Hidden Valley Road, north of Emerick Road and south of State Route 970 to be held on Tuesday January 18, 2005 at 2:00

p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse, Ellensburg.

SET CLOSED RECORD HEARING WIDMAN REZONE (Z-04-12) CDS

Approve setting a closed record hearing to consider a zoning map amendment for the Widman Contract rezone (Z-04-12), of approximately 5.77 acres located south of the Old Vantage Highway, north of the Grasslands subdivisions and the John Wayne Trail, in the eastern portion of the Urban Growth Area of the City of Ellensburg, to be held on Tuesday January 18, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse, Ellensburg.

CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

APPOINTMENTS COMMISSIONER COMMITTEES - 2005 COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Bowen moved to approve the Commissioner Committees for the year 2005, noting the addition of Veteran's Coalition (Board liaison) and I-Net committee to Commissioner Bowen's list and the addition of Mountains to Greenway Sound to Commissioner Crankovich's list. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION 2005-01 AMEND TRAVEL POLICY AUDITOR

Commissioner Bowen moved to approve Resolution No. 2005-01, Amending the Kittitas County's Travel Policy to meet the Internal Revenue Service guidelines. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - NONE

BOARD DISCUSSION/DECISION ITEMS

RESIGNATION AUDITOR - DAVID BOWEN COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Crankovich moved to accept the resignation from Auditor David Bowen, effective December 31, 2004, and to authorize the Chair to sign a letter to the Kittitas County Democratic Party Chairman, Dale Hubbard, requesting that the Democratic Party forward a list of three nominees to be considered for holding the office of County Auditor until his/her successor is elected at the next general election. Commissioner Bowen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bowen moved to approve and authorize the Chair to sign a letter to the Community Trade & Economic Development extending the Boards support and participation for the Kittitas County Conference of Governments planning efforts for Upper Kittitas County. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

ITEMS D & E - TO BE CONSIDERED FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

AGREEMENT

STAFFING - SUNCADIA

CDS

James Hurson, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor explained that drafts of the Staffing Agreement had been relayed to representatives of Suncadia. He suggested scheduling a study session with the Board to discuss the issues. Chairman Huston requested a bulleted list of outstanding issues to be considered at the study session.

Chairman Huston moved to postpone consideration of the Staffing Agreements with Suncadia until Tuesday January 18, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse. Commissioner Bowen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

HIDDEN VALLEY ROAD

PUBLIC WORKS

Paul Bennett, Public Works Director said the documents had not been signed by the property owners and recommended withdrawing the item until the documents have been signed.

Chairman Huston moved to postpone consideration of the Quit Claim Deeds for Hidden Valley Road right-of-way until Tuesday January 18, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse, Ellensburg. Commissioner Bowen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

GRANT

FIRE MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE

SHERIFF

Commissioner Bowen moved to approve Grant No. E05-156 with the Washington State Military Department, for Fire Management Assistance Declaration #2538 (Elk Heights), effective July 30, 2004 through July 30, 2006. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

GRANT

WASPC-LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT

SHERIFF

Commissioner Bowen moved to approve a Local Law Enforcement Block Grant with the Washington Association of Sheriff's and Police Chiefs, in the total amount of \$11,149.00 for equipment to support enforcement efforts,

provide overtime funding, support drug courts and community policing activities. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES SUSAN FITTERER - APPROVED COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Bowen moved to approve payment in the amount of \$32.30 for the Claim for Damages filed with the County Auditor on December 8, 2004, by Susan Fitterer, conditioned upon signature on a Release of All Claims as recommended by the Prosecutor. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES GREG OGDON - DENIED COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Bowen moved to deny the Claim for Damages filed with the County Auditor on August 20, 2004, by Greg Ogdon as recommended by the Prosecutor. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES LINDA MAPES - APPROVED COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Bowen moved to approve payment in the amount of \$325.64 for the Claim for Damages filed with the County Auditor on December 6, 2004, by Linda Mapes, conditioned upon signature on a Release of All Claims as recommended by the Prosecutor. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

APPOINTMENT SUBSTANCE ABUSE ADVISORY BOARD COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Bowen moved to appoint Christine Whitmire and Rich Smith to the Kittitas County Substance Abuse Advisor Board for terms effective immediately and expiring on December 31, 2005. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

APPOINTMENT AMY MILLS-TREASURER/COG REP. COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Bowen moved to accept the recommendation of the Management Team and appoint Amy Mills, Kittitas County Treasurer, to serve on the Conference of Governments as an Elected Official representative. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 2:29 p.m. the Board recessed into an Executive Session for approximately 20 minutes for issues relating to pending litigation.

At 3:02 p.m. the Board reconvened from their Executive Session. No action was taken.

Jan Sharar, Staff Planner outlined the Douglas Craeger Rezone request. She noted the Planning Commission recommended approval with a 4-0 decision.

Commissioner Bowen noted there was no adverse testimony given at the Planning Commission hearing. Chairman Huston said the request was consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and met all conditions and criteria for approval.

Commissioner Bowen moved to grant approval of the Douglas Craeger Rezone request, for approximately 42.75 acre site from Forest and Range to Rural 3 and to direct staff to prepare the enabling documents for the Boards consideration at the January 18, 2005 agenda at 2:00 p.m. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Jan Sharar, Staff Planner outlined the Tillman Creek Rezone request. She noted the Planning Commission recommended approval with a 4-0 decision.

Chairman Huston noted that although concerns of water availability were of importance, it was premature and not necessary for the rezone stage. He said that the request was consistent with the rezone request and that it met all the conditions and criteria for approval.

Chairman Huston moved to grant approval of the Tillman Creek Rezone request, for approximately 240.01 acres from Forest and Range to Rural 3. Commissioner Bowen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Bowen moved to adjourn at 3:20 p.m. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Julie A. Kjorsvik

Perry D. Huston, Chairman