

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

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

JANUARY 18, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Huston called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Darryl Piercy, Community Development Services Director; Jan Sharar, Staff Planner; Joanna Valencia, Staff Planner; Amy Mills, Treasurer; Judy Pless, Interim Auditor; Paul Bennett, Public Works Director; James Hurson, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor; William Holmes, Probation Services Director and three members of the public.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COUNTY EMPLOYEES

William Holmes, Probation Services Director introduced Barb Schmidt and Leigh Ann Yocom as new employees in the Misdemeanant Probation department.

PROCLAMATIONS - NONE

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS - NONE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Huston noted the addition of a letter from the Democratic Party with regard to their recommendation for the appointment of Auditor and documents relating to design work on No. 6 Road (from the Department of Public Works).

Commissioner Bowen moved to approve the Agenda as noted. 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.

✓ **AGREEMENT**

CHELAN JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY

JUVENILE

Approve an Agreement with Chelan County Juvenile Detention Facility, for housing juvenile offenders for the year 2005 at a rate of \$126.50 per day (any consecutive 24 hours).

✓ **REFUNDS**

TREASURERS REPORT - LIST OF REFUNDS

TREASURERS

Approve and acknowledge a Treasurer's Report of a List of Refunds Made to Taxpayers during the year 2004, in the total amount of \$52,540.57, including interest.

✓ **SET APPEAL HEARING**

NOACK SHORT PLAT

COMMISSIONERS

Approve to set a hearing to consider an appeal filed by Attorney Richard T. Cole on behalf of J. Wayne and Cindy L. McMeans of the Community Development Services administrative decision granting conditional preliminary approval to the Noack Family Revocable Living Trust for a short subdivision of 26.89 acres, to be held at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday February 9, 2005 in the Commissioner's Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse, and to authorize the Clerk to publish said notice.

CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

LETTER

DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE - AUDITOR APPT.

COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Huston acknowledged receipt of a letter from Dale K. Hubbard, Chair of the Kittitas County Democratic Central Committee, including a list of three candidates in ranked order for the position of Kittitas County Auditor.

Commissioner Bowen moved to set a special meeting for the purposes of interviewing the candidates submitted by the Democratic Party for the position of Kittitas County Auditor, including Jerry Pettit, Kim Green and Lori Beador, to be held Friday January 21, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

✓ **AGREEMENT**

HOPPER, DENNIS, JELLISON

PUBLIC WORKS

Paul Bennett, Public Works Director, reviewed the history of the road design project for No. 6 Road from Tjossem Road south one mile. He said although Kittitas County received State funding for the project, they did not have the staff available to complete the design. Kittitas County Public Works Department contacted Hopper, Dennis, Jellison to determine if they would be able to update and complete the construction

plans (to new standards) and meet the June 2005 deadline, and they confirmed it was feasible. He has not had a chance to review the proposed agreement and requested that the Board set a special meeting during their department study session to review the agreement.

Commissioner Crankovich moved to set a special meeting to consider an Agreement with Hopper, Dennis, Jellison, for the No. 6 Road project, to be held on Monday January 24, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. at the Kittitas County Permit Center 411 Ruby Street, Ellensburg, in their Conference Room. Commissioner Bowen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - NONE

✓ CLAIM

TOUCH AMERICA

TREASURER

Amy Mills, Treasurer explained their office received notification on July 7, 2003 that Touch America Holdings, Inc. had filed Chapter 11 Bankruptcy, and there were thirteen personal property tax parcels owned by Touch America, and at the time the original paperwork was filed, all taxes were paid current. On September 13, 2004 the Treasurer's office received a letter with a Property Tax Settlement offer that stated Touch America would pay 75% of the base tax owed, and 0% of the interest and penalties owed. On January 5, 2005 their office received a check in the amount of \$38,248.55 from Touch America for settlement representing payment in the full amount of the underlying tax liability and interest assessed through January 10, 2005. The Board previously met in Executive Session with the Treasurer and Deputy Prosecutor and they recommended accepting the amount of \$38,248.55 as payment in full.

Commissioner Bowen moved to accept Touch America's payment in the amount of \$38,248.55 as payment in full for property taxes assessed in the years 2002 and 2003 and to direct the Treasurer's office to issue a receipt. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

⊗ AMENDMENT #3

DSHS/DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

MH/DD

Commissioner Crankovich moved to approve and authorize the Chair to sign Amendment #3 to Agreement Number 0363-36448 with the Department of Social & Health Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities, in the amount of \$5,530.00 to support a new client in the day/voc. Program, beginning July 1, 2004 though June 30, 2005. Commissioner Bowen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

⊗ AMENDMENT #4

DSHS/DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

MH/DD

Commissioner Bowen moved to approve and authorize the Chair to sign Amendment #4 to agreement Number 0363-36448 with the Department of Social & Health Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities, in the

Commissioner Bowen moved to approve Ordinance No. 2005-02, In the Matter of Amending the Kittitas County Zoning Atlas for the Douglas Craeger Rezone, consisting of approximately 42.75 acres from Forest and Range 20 to Rural 3 zoning, located in Section 01 of T19N, R14E, W.M. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

HIDDEN VALLEY ROAD

PUBLIC WORKS

Paul Bennett, Public Works Director said not all the Quit Claim Deeds had been signed for the Hidden Valley Road.

Commissioner Bowen moved to postpone consideration of the Quit Claim Deeds for the Hidden Valley Road until Tuesday February 1, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Auditorium. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

✓ **TRAFFIC PLAN**

JENKINS DRIVE

PUBLIC WORKS

Paul Bennett, Public Works Director said the Board of County Commissioners previously approved the Jenkins Drive Traffic Safety Plan in October 2004, but the signed documents could not be located.

Commissioner Bowen moved to authorize the Board to sign the Jenkins Drive Traffic Safety Plan, that was previously approved the by the Board of County Commissioners as part of the Suncadia Phase III approval process. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

✓ **SET PUBLIC HEARING**

CITY OF KITTITAS ANNEXATION

PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner Crankovich moved to set a public hearing to consider concurring with the City of Kittitas' request to annex a portion of Kittitas Highway, which would move/adjust the City limit boundary westerly to the edge of the newly annexed School District property, to be held on Tuesday February 1, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse, Ellensburg, and to authorize the Clerk to publish said notice. Commissioner Bowen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

✓ **SET PUBLIC HEARING**

CITY OF ELLENSBURG ANNEXATION

PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner Crankovich moved to set a public hearing to consider concurring with the City of Ellensburg's request to annex a portion of Sanders Road, to be held on Tuesday February 1, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse, Ellensburg, and

to authorize the Clerk to publish said notice. Commissioner Bowen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

APPOINTMENTS

ROAD VARIANCE COMMITTEE

PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner Bowen moved to postpone consideration of appointing members to a Road Variance committee, and to place the item on the Public Works Department Study Session to receive comments and suggestions from the Public Works Director on Monday January 24, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. in the Permit Center Conference Room, 411 North Ruby Street, Ellensburg, and to place the item back on the Commissioners Agenda for Tuesday February 1, 2005. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

CONTRACT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Bowen moved to approve Contract Number 05-64005-005 with the Washington State Department of Community Trade and Economic Development for the Community Development Block Grant Program, in the total amount of \$127,945.00 for services to be provided by the Kittitas County Action Council dba Hope Source, to approximately 3,750 low-and moderate-income persons within Kittitas County the period January 1, 2005 through February 28, 2006, and to authorize signatures on the Determination of Exemption, Compliance Document Checklist and the Signature Authorization Form. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 2-0. (Chairman Huston abstained from the vote since he was a member on the Hope Source Executive Board).

AGREEMENT

HOPE SOURCE/KITTITAS COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Bowen moved to approve an Agreement between Kittitas County and the Kittitas County Action Council dba Hope Source, to provide services through its Upper County Senior Services and Transportation Office, in the amount of \$7,875.00 for 2004 and \$7,875.00 for 2005. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0. (Chairman Huston abstained from the vote since he was a member on the Hope Source Executive Board).

CALL FOR BIDS

DEMOLITION OF STRUCTURES

MAINTENANCE

Commissioner Bowen moved to postpone consideration of a Notice of Call for Bids for the demolition of three motels and two residential structures until Tuesday February 1, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium, Room 109; set a study session at 10:00 a.m. with the Interim Facilities Maintenance Director, and to direct staff to work with the Director of Public Works and the Prosecutors office for further review of the notice. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

MISCELLANEOUS - NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE

ADJOURNMENT

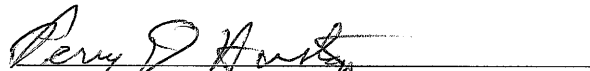
Commissioner Crankovich moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 p.m.
Commissioner Bowen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Julie A. Kjorsvik


Perry D. Huston, Chairman