

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

**TUESDAY**

**4:00 P.M.**

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2005**

Board members in attendance: Chairman Perry Huston, Vice-Chairman David Bowen and Commissioner Alan Crankovich.

Others: Shannon Carlson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; and Sande DeSalles, Fair Program Director.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**PURCHASE REAL PROPERTY**

**COMMISSIONERS**

At approximately 4:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN HUSTON** opened a public hearing to consider the purchase of a real property located at 1010 East University Way, Ellensburg Washington (located near the Kittitas County Fairgrounds).

**SANDE DESALLES, FAIR PROGRAM DIRECTOR** presented a Staff Report. She stated that she has visited the site and there are no obvious issues with the property or house. There is one structure on the property that is an older house that is currently being rented for \$550.00 a month. The property is located within the Fair Master Plan. It finishes the footprint for the north Fair parking lot. The expansion of the parking lot can now take place once this property is acquired. She is recommending that the Commissioners approve the purchase of the property and continue renting it for at least 8 months and look at demolishing it to finish the north parking lot. She has spoken with the Fair and Rodeo Board and they both support the acquisition of the property. She had some questions regarding the tenants and rental agreement. **COMMISSIONER HUSTON** explained that the agreement between the tenants and current owner will be assigned to the County once the purchase has been completed. The County will then give the tenants notice that next spring they will need to relocate. **COMMISSIONER HUSTON** suggested that Ms. DeSalles check with Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney James Hurson to see what relocation expenses the County will be liable for and put those in writing to the tenants. **COMMISSIONER BOWEN** asked what is the specifics of the current lease are? **MS. DESALLES** explained that the tenants are on a month to month lease. **COMMISSIONER BOWEN** clarified the location of the house from the map that he received from the title company. He also asked for clarification on the assessed value versus the asking price. **COMMISSIONER HUSTON** explained that the seller was aware of the previous sales of the other houses and with the market value he wouldn't be surprised if an appraisal came in at the same price. **COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** asked what was left in the area that is

part of the master complex plan that is not owned by the County. **MS. DESALLES** explained the other properties in the area.

**THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: NONE**

**THERE BEING NO ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**MOTION PURCHASE REAL PROPERTY FAIR**

**COMMISSIONER BOWEN** moved to proceed with the purchase of the property, authorizing the Chairman Huston to be the County representative to sign closing documents once prepared. The funding source to purchase the properties will come from the Real Estate Excise Tax fund. **COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** second. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

**DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD**

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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**Shannon L. Carlson**

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**Perry Huston, Chairman**