

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS AUDITORIUM
SPECIAL MEETING**

TUESDAY

4:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 4, 2007

Board members present: Chairman Alan Crankovich; Vice-Chairman David Bowen and Commissioner Mark McClain.

Others: Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Brandon Drexler, Public Works Director and 6 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING

OPEN SPACE - PRATT

COMMISSIONERS

At approximately 4:15 p.m. **CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** opened a public hearing to consider a request for reclassification as Open Space Timber land for current use tax assessment under the Open Space Taxation Act. He noted there were 3 hearings on the Agenda.

MANDY ROBINSON, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD reviewed a staff report. She indicated that staff received an application from Thomas & Wilma Pratt (20-16-35000-0006) requesting approval of their Open Space Timber Application. She indicated that they have paid their filing fee of \$300.00 dollars with the Treasurer's office and have provided a Forest Management Plan. She explained that the application was reviewed by Christy Garcia, Assessor's office staff and has found them it be complete.

THOSE PRESENT AND TESTIFYING: PHIL HESS, FORESTER FOR THE APPLICANT indicated that he has examined the property and it complies with the guidelines outlined for the Open Space Taxation Act. He explained that this is a simple transfer from Open Space Forest to Open Timber.

COMMISSIONER BOWEN questioned if there were any residences on site. **MR. HESS** explained there is not and that it is a very nice open piece of land. **THERE BEING NO ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

COMMISSIONER BOWEN moved to approve the Open Space Timber Application from Mr. Thomas & Wilma Pratt as presented. **COMMISSIONER McCLAIN** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

HOMELESSNESS ASSISTANCE ACT

COMMISSIONERS

COMPLETED

12/04/2007 MINUTES

1

ORIGINAL

At approximately 4:18 p.m. **CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** opened a continued public hearing from November 6, 2007 to consider reorganizing the Homelessness Assistance Act Planning Committee and tasking the new committee with addressing both Homelessness and Low Income Housing concerns within Kittitas County.

COMMISSIONER McCLAIN explained that he initially began looking at the Boards and Committees that the Commissioners oversee. He had a particular interest in the Drug Court housing and learned about the ongoing struggle to create a quorum for that group. He explained that further research and review of the Boards and Committees the Commissioners oversee, led to additional Committees surfacing that are struggling to produce work due to lack of quorum. He proposed reorganizing the Homelessness Committee, explaining that he felt it would be appropriate to have a representative from Kittitas County, City of Ellensburg, one homeless person or formerly homeless person and two members at large. He also proposed that the reformation of the Affordable Housing Committee be changed to three members that are community members, noting that individuals are not to serve on both committees at the same time because the Affordable Housing Committee will make recommendations to the Board. He felt if the Board went out to ad, they wouldn't have trouble filling the vacancies.

THOSE PRESENT AND TESTIFYING: AL NIELSEN, CONCERNED CITIZEN expressed his support for the proposed revamping of the Homelessness and Affordable Housing Committees. He indicated that he has committed to helping the community by helping out at St. Vincent De Paul Ministries. **THERE BEING NO ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

RESOLUTION 2007-149 HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONER BOWEN moved to approve Resolution 2007-149, reforming the Kittitas County Homelessness Committee. **COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** seconded. **COMMISSIONER BOWEN** thanked both the Committee's and **COMMISSIONER McCLAIN** for all the hard work they put into this. Motion carried 3-0. He noted that he would like to see a letter go out to the former members of the Homelessness Committee with a copy of the Resolution attached.

COMMISSIONER McCLAIN stated that the formation of the Affordable Housing Committee would create a Committee with three volunteers that would be treated like a "Blue Ribbon Committee". **COMMISSIONER BOWEN** questioned whether those members would report to the Board or to providers. **COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** indicated that he wanted in the Resolution that those three members At Large would work with vendors and report back to the Board. **COMMISSIONER BOWEN** expressed

his frustration with the delay in using the funds. He questioned if there was a deadline they had to report back by.

RESOLUTION 2007-150

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONER BOWEN moved to approve Resolution 2007-150, In the Matter of Creating the Formation of the Kittitas County Affordable Housing Committee. **COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING NON-EXCLUSIVE IRRIGATION FRANCHISE PUBLIC WORKS

At approximately 4:36 p.m. **CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** opened a public hearing to consider granting a Non-Exclusive Irrigation Franchise on Hidden Valley Road, located in Section 32, of Township 20, Range 17, Cle Elum, Washington

BRANDON DREXLER, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR reviewed a staff report. He explained that the Franchisee proposed the installation of a 3" HDPE water pipe, a 1 1/2 " PVC telemetry control conduit in the County Right of Way along with Hidden Valley Road. He explained that the proposed pipe installation will cross Hidden Valley Road 30' east of entrance to 2981, 2983, 2985, and 2987 addresses. The installation would proceed westward in north roadside ditch at a depth of 24" and terminating at 3360 address of Hidden Valley Road for an approximate distance of 900'. He indicated that currently there has been some disagreement on the culvert depth. **COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** questioned whether or not the culvert has been installed. **MR. DREXLER** indicated that it has been and that the applicant is aware it has to be fixed.

JEFF SLOTHOWER, ATTORNEY FOR THE APPLICANT indicated that he represents Horse Canyon Ranch. He reviewed the history and noted that he also represents Ms. Coe. He explained that she was in the process of doing upgrades and realized the trench issue. He indicated that Ms. Coe wants to work with the County and is fully aware the culvert must be fixed to meet standards.

COMMISSIONER BOWEN explained that he was familiar with an e-mail that had circulated regarding Ms. Coe's current status. However, he had not read it. **MR. SLOTHOWER** explained that he and his applicant would work with Public Works to resolve the issue.

THERE BEING ON ONE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

AGREEMENT

IRRIGATION FRANCHISE - HORSE CANYON PUBLIC WORKS

COMMISSIONER BOWEN moved to approve a Non-Exclusive Irrigation Franchise between Horse Canyon Ranch LLC and Kittitas County to use County Road, Rights-of-Way and other County Property within Kittitas County, with the caveat that the Applicant is to work with the Public Works Department to make the necessary improvements. **COMMISSIONER McCLAIN** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



Mandy Robinson

Alan Crankovich, Chairman

COMPLETED