

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

THURSDAY

10:00 A.M.

DECEMBER 20, 2007

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

Others: Don Solberg, Board of Health member; Rich Elliott, Board of Health member; Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Cathy Bambrick, Public Health Administrator; Susan Merrill, Public Health Administrative Assistant and 5 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING

GROUP B WELLS - BONDING

PUBLIC HEALTH

At approximately 10:00 a.m. **CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** opened a joint public hearing with the Board of Health to consider County Code that will allow the Public Health Department to accept bonds to ensure that the construction of Group B Water Systems are completed.

CATHY BAMBRICK, PUBLIC HEALTH ADMINISTRATOR, explained a proposal which would allow the Public Health Department to accept bonds to ensure that construction of Group B Water Systems is completed and would allow plat approval to occur before Group B Water Systems are completed. If a surety bond is provided, the amount of the bond would equal one hundred and thirty-five percent (135%) of the estimated engineering, design and construction cost. She said the enforcement of the guarantee would be through appropriate legal and equitable remedies. The proposed Ordinance allows for reduction during construction proportionally to the amount of work completed, as said work is approved by the Public Health Department. Building permits would not be issued until construction is completed or bonding as set forth in the code and approved by the Public Health Department.

COMMISSIONER BOWEN acknowledged differences in the definition of a Group B water system between the State RCW (which defines the system to serve fourteen or less service connections) and the County's Code (which serves nine or less). He suggested specifying this difference in the Ordinance to avoid confusion.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: STAN BLAZYINSKI provided the Board with copies of information. He said he was concerned that the County does not have jurisdiction over the process nor has scientific evidence that problems exist. **JAN SHARAR, REPRESENTING HERSELF**

expressed concerns that if something were to go wrong would the County coffers make up the difference over and beyond what was bonded. **THERE BEING NO ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

CATHY BAMBRICK commented on exempt well issues and permitting wells to be drilled and noted that this is a different subject than today's regarding overseeing the construction of water systems. She noted the requirement that must accompany the application, which would include a bond between 115% and 135% of the estimated engineering, design and construction cost. **DON SOLBERG** asked if something were to go wrong, who would have the liability for completion of the water system. **MS. BAMBRICK** said the proposal is set up the same way as it is in the County Public Works Department, noting that final approval can not be obtained until the project is completed within the standards. She suggested inserting language that clarifies that a Group B Workbook Application must be completed (application includes drilling and testing of the wells).

RESOLUTION 2007-03 GROUP B WATER SYSTEMS - BONDING BOARD OF HEALTH

COMMISSIONER BOWEN moved to approve the Board of Health Resolution No. 2007-03; and to amend the document by inserting the definition of RCW 13.9.010 of the Group B Water System; and to insert a new paragraph noting completion of a Group B Workbook application is to be completed including drilling and testing of the wells. **DON SOLBERG** seconded.

CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH suggested continuing the public hearing to allow for the completed document to be reviewed by the Prosecutor's Office. **COMMISSIONER BOWEN** and **DON SOLBERG** withdrew the motion.

CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH moved to continue the public hearing to January 17, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium. **COMMISSIONER BOWEN** seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Julie A. Kjorsvik

Alan Crankovich, Chairman