

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

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

JANUARY 18, 2011

Board members present: Chairman Paul Jewell, Vice-Chairman Alan Crankovich and Commissioner O'Brien.

Others: Catherine Dunn, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Jan Olivier, Transportation and Interim Planning Manager; Tom Kelly, Construction Manager; Dana Cowger, Varela and Associates and Pedro Howard, Water District #6.

PUBLIC HEARING

STEVE WILLARD FRANCHISE

AUDITOR

At 2:00 p.m. **Chairman Jewell** opened a public hearing to consider a non-exclusive Irrigation franchise on Sanders RD for Steve Willard. He noted that the public notice for this public hearing had been changed by Department of Public Works to January 19, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium.

Tom Kelly, Construction Manager explained the franchisee proposes installation of a 36" CMP culvert pipe in County right of way along Sanders RD to supplement re-grading and interconnection of an existing bar ditch for irrigation and will begin west of 1312 Sanders RD and proceed westward in the South roadside bar ditch at a depth of 36" terminating 630 feet west. This will eliminate an open ditch hazard.

THERE WAS NO ONE IN ATTENDANCE, REQUESTING TO TESTIFY.

Commissioner O'Brien moved to continue the public hearing to January 19, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium, noting the record would remain open. **Vice-Chairman Crankovich** seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

CDBG GRANTS

PUBLIC WORKS

At 2:00 p.m. **Chairman Jewell** opened a public hearing to consider the review of a Community Development and Housing Needs, to inform citizens of the availability of funds and eligible uses of the State Community Development Block Grant and proposed activities. Up to \$1.5 million may be available to Kittitas County on a Statewide

competitive basis to fund a public facility, community facility, economic development and affordable housing projects that principally benefit low-and moderate-income persons, and to consider a CDBG grant application for the Kittitas County Water District #6 in Vantage from WA ST Department of Commerce as well as any other potential CDBG grant applications.

Jan Olivier delivered the staff report, explaining that the Water District #6 has successfully operated its treatment plant since its construction in 1977. While it has been successful in the operation it is impossible for the community to pay for upgrades considering its 69.8% LMI population. The need for these upgrades includes: critical need for equipment replacement and upgrades; a Department of Ecology order to upgrade the preliminary treatment by July of 2012; existing gas chlorination issues near public areas and the aged plant is susceptible to breakdown and potential contamination of the Columbia River. She said the request for the grant is \$854,000.

Dana Cowger, Varela and Associates, speaking for the applicant, submitted to the Board and others in the audience, the CDBG handout from WA ST Department of Commerce outlining the CDBG grants available with the National Objectives and Eligibility guidelines. He explained they were asking the County to submit an application for Public Services Grants for Water District #6 in Vantage, which has the required low and moderate incomes to qualify for the grant. He said the upgrades were estimated at \$975,000 but the grant would only be for \$854,000. If the County and Water District received the grant, the upgrades would be online by the Fall of 2012. He said he felt the Water District had a strong application with the number of low to moderate income families in the town, and due to the fact that Phase 1 is underway with a new lift station funded by a Department of Ecology grant and loan.

THERE BEING NO ONE IN ATTENDANCE EXCEPT STAFF REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

Vice-Chairman Crankovich said the Board had only received the application that morning and had not completely reviewed the materials. **Mr. Cowger** said the application had been emailed to Kirk Holmes, Director of Public Works and to the Clerk of the Board. He said he was under the impression that the Board would have had it over the weekend.

Chairman Jewell asked if he had written the Resolution attached. **Mr. Cowger** said that the Department of Commerce had included a template in the application materials for the applicant to follow.

Chairman Jewell asked about the RCW relating to "greenhouse gasses" included in the application documents. He said he was not aware the County had complied with this. **Mr. Cowger** said the CDBG application packet included a template for a draft policy complying with the RCW. He said that the Water District would pass it and that would suffice.

Chairman Jewell asked when the deadline for the application to be presented. **Mr. Cowger** said it was due on Thursday, January 20, 2011.

Commissioner O'Brien asked about the mandate from the WA ST Department of Ecology. He asked if it was a moratorium on new hookups or a "looks nasty, fix it" mandate. **Mr. Cowger** replied that the mandate was on a portion of the upgrades involving preliminary treatment of the sewage, which needs to be completed by July 1, 2012.


Commissioner O'Brien asked if the proposed updates would involve the possibility of increased residential or commercial density. **Mr. Cowger** said there is excess capacity in the treatment plant, and this grant application is mostly for the Department of Ecology indications. He said there is also a biosolids issue to be addressed. He said nothing but equalization is vital for the density.

Commissioner O'Brien asked if there was a maintenance program to address ingress of ground waters. **Mr. Cowger** said if there is too much additional ingress of ground waters, it would show in the ranges of use. He said in 2003, the pipes were inspected with cameras to inspect for leakage.


Vice-Chairman Crankovich moved to continue the public hearing to January 19, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium noting the record is closed. **Commissioner O'Brien** seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD


Catherine Dunn

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Paul Jewell, Chairman