COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
AGENDA SESSION

TUESDAY 3:00 P.M. SEPTEMBER 16, 2003

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Golladay called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Board members present: Max A. Golladay, Perry D. Huston and Bruce Coe.

Others: Shannon Carlson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Paul Bennett, Public Works Director; Clay Meyers, Acting Undersheriff; Gene Dana, Sheriff; David Taylor, Community Development Services Director; Judy Pless, Finance Manager; Kirk Eslinger, Director of Human Resources; Jim Hurson, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney and approximately 5 members of the public.

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.

Commissioner Huston moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Coe seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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09-02-03 Agenda BOCC

RESOLUTION 2003-111 AWARD SMALL WORKS ROSTER-WHITE ROAD PUBLIC WORKS

Approve Resolution No. 2003-111 awarding a small works roster agreement for White Road overlay, MP 0.00 to MP 0.25 in the amount of $26,982.00.

GRANT CDBG BLOCK GRANT CONTRACT COMMISSIONERS

Approve and authorize the Chairman’s signature on Amendment “A” to the Community Development Block Grant Contract #03-64003-007 in the amount of $102,009.00 for the contract period of January 1, 2003 thru December 31, 2003.

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RESOLUTION 2003-112  WELLNESS REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM  HUMAN RESOURCES

Approve Resolution No. 2003-112, Approving a "Wellness Reimbursement Program" for County employees.

✓ CONTRACT  CONTRACT FOR ARC GIS SOFTWARE  SHERIFF

Approve authorization for the Sheriff's department to purchase ArcGIS software through the Washington State Emergency Management Department to assist in mitigation planning and analysis.

✓ SET PUBLIC HEARING  CONSIDER SURPLUS-ELMVIEW GROUP HOME  BOCC

Approve to set a public hearing to consider the surplus of county property located at 220 East Helena, Ellensburg WA 98926, to be held Tuesday October 7, 2002 at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse, Ellensburg, Washington and to authorize the Clerk to publish said notice.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Chairman Golladay read through the Staff Report requesting to Approve and Sign a Resolution in the Matter of the Election to Receive National Forest Related Safety-Net Payments Under P.L. 106-393.

RESOLUTION 2003-107  PILT DISTRIBUTION  COMMISSIONERS


CITIZEN COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS-None

BOARD DISCUSSION/DECISION

RESOLUTION PROPOSED BALLOT ISSUE SALES TAX INCREASE FOR JAIL  TREASURER

Commissioner Huston moved to take no action on the Resolution. He said the County should begin negotiations wit the City for an Interlocal Agreement and the County could begin the SEPA process for the new jail. Commissioner Coe second for discussion.

Commissioner Huston explained after meeting with the Citizens Advisory Committee that morning, they suggested that the County could wait until all the information is gathered before bringing it before the voters, so the information is clear and would bring more support. He said there

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just isn't enough time from now until the election to get the Cities in agreement with interlocal agreements and signing over their portion of the 40% of the sales tax. There are still some unknowns that should be cleared up before the issue is placed in front of the voters.

Representatives from LCA gave a brief presentation on the current costs to construct the jail and impacts of waiting another year. A few representatives from the Citizens Advisory Committee spoke in favor of waiting a year and they were in favor of a sales tax increase then a property tax increase.

Pat Kelleher encouraged the Board to not build a bigger jail and that the modifications that were made are fine. He thought the problem lies with the courts. Mr. Kelleher suggested continuing to ship inmates out to other counties to elevate the population in our jail.

Clay Meyers, Acting Undersheriff explained that the additional beds were added to get inmates off of sleeping on cots in the hallway where it is unsafe. Ten inmates have been shipped to Sunnyside already.

Commissioner Coe explained his own personal opinion that increasing property taxes was immoral and a bizarre government action. He complimented the Citizens Advisory Committee and LCA for their quick response to the County's request of information.

Commissioner Huston explained that there is a lot of work to do from now until next year so the committee will remain busy.

Motion carried 3-0.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES  DEE STRAUSBAUGH  COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Huston moved to deny a Claim for Damages filed by Dee Strausbaugh with the Auditor's on August 21, 2003 in the amount of $64.62 as recommended by the Deputy Prosecutor. Commissioner Coe seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES  CANDI SNYDER  COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Huston moved to approve a Claim for Damages from Candi Snyder in the amount of $58.16 as recommended by the Deputy Prosecuting Attorney contingent upon completion of a release of all claims. Commissioner Coe seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION  MANDATES SUB BASIN FISH & WILDLIFE  COMMISSIONERS
Commissioner Huston moved to table this Resolution until further information is given. Commissioner Coe second. Motion carried 3-0.

ORDINANCE 2003-16 CASE, HALEY, SILVERSON REZONE CDS

Commissioner Huston move to approve Ordinance 2003-16 Colleen Case, Robert & Robin Haley, & Ronald Silverson, Rezone in the matter of Amending the Kittitas County Zoning Atlas to Designate as Light Industrial. Commissioner Coe second. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION 2003-108 LIGHTNING RIDGE PLAT-PRELIMINARY APPROVAL CDS

Commissioner Huston moved to approve Resolution 2003-108 to give preliminary approval to the Lightning Ridge Plat, and to authorize the Chairman’s signature on the mylar once all conditions have been met. Commissioner Coe seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION ADOPT CDS PRELIMINARY APPROVAL PROCESS CDS

Commissioner Huston moved to continue discussion on the request to approved a Resolution adopting a process by which CDS would amend those projects, which have received preliminary approval from the BOCC until October 7, 2003. The Deputy Prosecuting Attorney was not able to review the resolution and had questions about the language in the Resolution. Commissioner Coe seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

AGREEMENT PACIFIC LEGAL FOUNDATION COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Huston moved to table the Memorandum of Understanding on Legal Representation by Pacific Legal Foundation Attorneys until a new agreement comes forward. Commissioner Coe second. Motion carried 3-0.

AGREEMENT APPOINTMENT of DR. GREG STERN HEALTH

Commissioner Huston moved to authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement appointing Dr. Greg Stern as the Interim Health Officer September 26th - October 20th 2003, appointment is subject to approval from the Board of Health at their September 28, 2003 meeting. Commissioner Coe seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

DISCUSSION BUDGET AMENDMENT CONSIDERATION SHERIFF

Clay Meyers, Acting Undersheriff explained to the Board that when considering the 2003 budget they were not able to maintain funds to budget for what could happen through arbitration contracts, therefore,
they don’t have the funding to cover the resulting increases from the arbitration. Mr. Meyers said he is requesting some direction from the Board.

Sheriff Gene Dana said he received a memo from the Board asking how he was to fund the increases for the Line Deputies. He presented a letter to the Board and read from the letter. He explained that he has no control over union negotiations and therefore doesn’t think it is fair to be penalized for the outcome by having to layoff staff to compensate for the increases. The Sheriff explained that he will have to postpone filling the Undersheriff position and an open line deputy position in order to assist in the budget. Commissioner Huston appreciated the Sheriff’s comments and Chief Meyers information. Commissioner Huston moved to set a Public Hearing to take public comment and to consider increasing the Sheriff’s office 2003 Budget Amendments to be held October 21, 2003 at 4:00 P.M. in the Commissioner’s Auditorium. Clerk to publish said notice. Commissioner Coe second. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION 2003-109 REV. WAGE SCALES—NON UNION EMPLOYEES HUMAN RESOURCES

Commissioner Huston moved to approve Resolution 2003-109 in the Matter of Reviewing Wage Scales for Non-Union Employees. Commissioner Coe second. Motion carried 3-0.

APPOINTMENT

PLANNING COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Huston moved to appointment John Picket to the Planning Commission term effective immediately and expiring December 31, 2003. Commissioner Coe second. Motion carried 3-0.

VOUCHERS:

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TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS:

David Taylor to attend WSAC/WACO Joint Conference September 30-October 3, 2003 in Sea-Tac.

Melissa Poole and Julia Karns to attend Meth Task Force State Summit in Vancouver Washington September 15th-17th.

Nancy Goodloe to attend the Annual American Public Health Association Conference November 14th-20th in San Francisco.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

Shannon L. Carlson

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Max A. Golladay, Chairman