COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
PUBLIC HEARING

TUESDAY 4:00 P.M. FEBRUARY 17, 2004

Board members present: Chairman Perry Huston, Vice-Chairman Bruce Coe and Commissioner Max Golladay.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Paul Bennett, Public Works Director; Joy Potter, Public Works Staff; Clay White, Staff Planner; Allison Kimball, Community Development Services Operations Supervisor; Warren Beed, Facilities Maintenance Director.

PUBLIC HEARING COMP. PLAN AMENDMENT FEES CDS

At 4:23 p.m. CHAIRMAN HUSTON opened a public hearing to consider increasing fees for the Comprehensive Plan Amendments.

CLAY WHITE, STAFF PLANNER, presented a staff report. He presented a report from the Community Development Services department, in which they had completed an analysis to determine the Department’s costs associated with processing comprehensive plan amendments. He recommended increasing the comprehensive plan amendment fee to $450.00 for map and text amendments, and no changes for Open Space applications. According to the figures presented, he felt the actual time spent on each proposed amendment was a little underestimated.

THERE BEING NO PUBLIC WISHING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

COMMISSIONER GOLLADAY asked to have the figures recalculated next year, to ensure they are accurate. COMMISSIONER COE felt increasing the fee by $400.00 was excessive, but wanted to be sure the County covers their hard costs. CHAIRMAN HUSTON mentioned the calculations did not include the Commissioner’s time, or their staff and said there may be other costs that were not included. He was impressed with the Community Development Services department, doing their homework. It was mentioned there are applications submitted where the applicants do not show up after the work has been complete, and therefore all the time and costs involved are wasted.

COMMISSIONER GOLLADAY moved to continue the public hearing to Tuesday March 2, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. in the Commissioner’s Auditorium, and to direct staff to prepare enabling documents, reflecting a fee increase to $225.00 for docketed items relating to map and text
amendments, for the comprehensive plan amendments. COMMISSIONER COE seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING  CAPITAL FACILITIES PLAN  MAINTENANCE

At 4:37 p.m. CHAIRMAN HUSTON opened the public hearing to consider amendments to the Six-Year Capital Facilities Plan.

WARREN BEED, FACILITIES MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR, presented a staff report and reviewed a list of projects for the 2004 budget and other County projects to be included in the Six-Year Capital Facilities Plan. Some of the items included: the Law & Justice Center; Solid Waste Storage Building; Coroner/Morgue Facility; Health Department relocation; Fair Grounds parking lot; Restroom & Trailhead Facilities; remodel of Misdemeanant Probation office; construction of a smoking shed behind the Sorensen building; demolition of rental houses at the Fairgrounds. Future projects included the Fairgrounds Administration building; Bloom Pavilion; and the Livestock Exhibit Building. New facilities included the Maintenance Office/Storage building; paved parking; warm up arena; horse barns and the County Morgue.

THERE BEING NO PUBLIC WISHING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

COMMISSIONER GOLLADAY explained how the Courthouse building would eventually need to be addressed, and the problems and could not keep being ignored. CHAIRMAN HUSTON advised Mr. Beed, that even if a project is only being studied, if there is any staff time used, it should be added to the Six-Year Capital Facilities Plan. He recognized receipt of a letter from Pat Kelleher dated February 17, 2004, regarding the jail facility.

COMMISSIONER GOLLADAY moved to continue the public hearing to consider amendments to the Six Year Capital Facilities Plan, until Tuesday March 2, 2004 at 4:00 p.m., record to remain open, and to direct staff to prepare enabling documents reflecting the addition of the County Courthouse. COMMISSIONER COE seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING  HUGHBANKS ROAD  COMMISSIONERS

At 4:49 p.m. CHAIRMAN HUSTON opened the public hearing to consider the vacation of Hughbanks Road.

PAUL BENNETT, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, reviewed an Engineer’s Report, outlining options for the Boards consideration. He explained that a
dedicated right-of-way did not exist, and therefore he recommended denying the request to vacate a of the portion of Hughbanks Road located in Section 26 and 27 of Township 20 North, Range 14 East, W.M. He said if the homeowners choose to amend their plat, the property would become part of the existing parcels and returned to the tax roll, but all parcel owners would have to agree to the amendment, and an easement would be required between all parcel owners for ingress and egress to access all lots.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: MARK DAVIDSON, explained that he was the one who petitioned the County for the vacation. He said the road did not serve as public access, and that there was an encroachment issue with a fence. WALT SEBRING said he purchased his property approximately 20 years ago, and found no advantage of the proposed vacation. He said there had always been problems with the property in question. After reviewing the proposed vacation, his attorney advised him to fight the vacation. MIKE HALL said he owned two parcels on Hughbanks Road, wanted assurance that his property would not be landlocked, if the vacation was granted. THERE BEING NO ADDITIONAL PUBLIC WISHING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

COMMISSIONER GOLLADAY said after reviewing the engineers report, he could not find anything that the County would vacate. He said the plat was originally done in 1974 and found no reason to change it now.

CHAIRMAN HUSTON reviewed the issues relating to encroachment, and the plat amendment process. He recognized a letter dated January 30, 2004, received from Walter R. and Joanne M. Sebring.

COMMISSIONER GOLLADAY moved to deny the request to vacate a portion of Hughbanks Road. COMMISSIONER COE seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Julie A. Kjorsvik
Perry D. Huston, Chairman

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