COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
PUBLIC HEARING

TUESDAY 4:00 P.M. APRIL 20, 2004

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Nancy Goodloe, Public Health Administrator; Paul Bennett, Public Works Director; Derald Gaidos, Fire Marshall; Allison Kimball, Community Development Services, Operations Supervisor, and approximately 10 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING SATELLITE OFFICE-HEALTH DEPT. HEALTH DEPT.

At approximately 4:06 p.m. CHAIRMAN HUSTON opened the public hearing to consider a satellite office in the Upper County for the Public Health department.

NANCY GOODLOE, PUBLIC HEALTH ADMINISTRATOR gave the Board an update on a proposed satellite office for the Public Health Department in the Upper County. She said the Prosecutor’s office had reviewed a proposed lease agreement. The building owner was in the process of reviewing the document. She hoped to have a lease agreement approved by both parties by May 4th. THERE WAS NO PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY.

CHAIRMAN HUSTON announced he would not be interested in extending the hearing to another date after May 4th, and encouraged Ms. Goodloe to have an approved lease ready for their consideration on that date.

COMMISSIONER GOLLADAY moved to continue the public hearing to consider a satellite office in the Upper County for the Public Health department to be held on Tuesday May 4, 2004, at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioner’s Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse, Ellensburg. COMMISSIONER COE seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING ROAD STANDARDS PUBLIC WORKS

At approximately 4:10 p.m. CHAIRMAN HUSTON opened the public hearing to consider amendments to Kittitas County Code Chapter 12, Road Standards.
PAUL BENNETT, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR presented specific and general comments on the proposed Road Standards. He felt if they were passed in their current format, there would be many questions about what is really expected. He believed that WSDOT/AASHTO standards should be a requirement for all roads, and they should all be engineered. He suggested applying a more restrictive policy or creating a Public Works drafted or Board of County Commissioner approved policy to deal with areas in the code are silent and WSDOT/AASHTO provide inconsistent guidance. He also suggested updating them once a year. CHAIRMAN HUSTON noted Mr. Bennett’s report was received just prior to the public hearing.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: WAYNE NELSON explained he had just received Mr. Bennett’s comments and he had tried to do a quick review of them. He said he would like additional time to fully review the comments. He felt all the key issues that had been brought up by Mr. Bennett in his staff report, they had been previously addressed by either the citizen’s advisory group or during the study sessions with the Board of Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners concurred with the need to have additional time to review Mr. Bennett’s concerns. DERALD GAIDOS, COUNTY FIRE MARSHALL supported Mr. Bennett’s recommendations and the concerns relating to access for emergency vehicles, especially in the larger subdivisions that are going on in the Upper County. CHARLIE BUGNI understood the concerns relating to emergency vehicle access, but agreed with Mr. Nelson and felt the issues had been addressed previously. He was in favor of a market driven, private road systems, and felt citizens should decide on the requirements. URBAN EBERRHART recommended that additional time be allowed for the citizens group to respond to Mr. Bennett’s comments. MARY BURKE was in support of referencing a utility ordinance, separately from the road standards. She was in favor of placing a note on plats, which would reference irrigation systems and right-of-way easements, and have the information cross-referenced. She felt it would be beneficial for people who may be unfamiliar with that type of information. ROGER WEAVER felt there had been a consensus made with the proposed road standards, and expressed disappointment with Mr. Bennett’s last minute issues he brought up. TERESA BARLAM wanted to clarify if written comments would be accepted, if the Board were to continue the hearing. CHAIRMAN HUSTON assured her that written comments would be accepted through the Clerk of the Board, and encouraged comments to be submitted ahead of time. CLINT PERRY supported having an opportunity to review Mr. Bennett’s comments. He felt that any standards that are adopted should address safety issues. He compared structural issues versus safety issues. COMMISSIONER GOLLADAY agreed that standards must address safety issues, and felt they needed to be conveyed throughout a document that is finally adopted.
COMMISSIONER COE moved to continue the public hearing to consider amendments to Kittitas County Code Chapter 12, Road Standards, until Tuesday May 11, 2004 at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse, Ellensburg. COMMISSIONER GOLLADAY seconded. Motion carried 3-0. It was noted the record was to remain open.

Meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Julie A. Kjorsvik

Perry D. Huston, Chairman