COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
PUBLIC HEARING

TUESDAY 1:00 P.M. DECEMBER 20, 2006

Board members present: Chairman David Bowen; Vice-Chairman Commissioner Alan Crankovich and Commissioner Perry Huston.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board and Ted Barkley, Ellensburg City Manager.

PUBLIC HEARING PARKING LOT 6TH & PEARL COMMISSIONERS

At approximately 1:20 p.m. CHAIRMAN BOWEN opened a public hearing to consider whether the real property (the parking lot at the SW corner of 6th and Pearl - Parcel Number 136933) is surplus to the needs of Kittitas County and should be disposed of by direct negotiation with the City of Ellensburg in exchange for real property of comparable value.

COMMISSIONER HUSTON reviewed the proposal for a trade between Kittitas County and City of Ellensburg. The property owned by Kittitas County is a parking lot located at 6th and Pearl. The property being offered by the City is centered within the Fairgrounds footprint. He noted receipt a letter from Robert O. Kelley expressing interest if the property became available for sale to the public.

TED BARKLEY, REPRESENTING THE CITY OF ELLENSBURG explained the City had been looking at ways to expand parking in the downtown area. The City owns various pieces of property adjacent to the Fair and felt that property would be comparable the lot located at 6th and Pearl. He noted all the City Council members were in agreement with the proposal and the City would be willing to trade the primary property located on University Way and some other pieces around there as well. THERE BEING NO PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC TESTIMONY WAS CLOSED.

COMMISSIONER HUSTON said the County needs to first determine if the lot is surplus to the County’s needs. He said the law allows for direct negotiation with other governmental entities. According to the property summary from the Assessor, it belongs to the Road Department, but a title search has not been conducted.

COMMISSIONER HUSTON moved to declare the said property surplus to the County’s needs and direct staff to enter into direct
negotiations with the City of Ellensburg. **COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** seconded.

**COMMISSIONER HUSTON** felt the property was surplus to the "County's" needs and should be owned by the City as part of their parking plans. **CHAIRMAN BOWEN** said he would like to focus the motor pool in one location. **COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** felt the proposal benefited both entities.

Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD**

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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Julie A. Kjørvik

David Bowen, Chairman