

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

**TUESDAY**

**2:00 P.M.**

**JANUARY 6, 2009**

Board members present: Chairman Alan Crankovich; Vice-Chairman Paul Jewell and Commissioner Mark McClain.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Jerry Pettit, Auditor; Zera Lowe, Deputy Prosecutor; Kirk Holmes, Public Works Director; Cathy Bambrick, Public Health Administrator; and approximately 10 members of the public.

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**PUBLIC HEARING      HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE 10-YEAR PLAN      COMMISSIONERS**

At approximately 2:25 p.m. **CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** opened a public hearing to consider the Kittitas County Homelessness Committee's Ten Year Plan to reduce homelessness and funding expenditures from the Homelessness Assistance Fund (Fund Number 114) (2163 monies) or Low Income Housing Fund (Fund Number 112) (2060) monies.

**NANCY GOODLOE, MEMBER AT LARGE OF THE HOMELESSNESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE** explained the membership of their committee and how they began meeting back in February 2008 and was tasked to revise the 10 year plan to reduce homelessness in Kittitas County. They met with service providers, nonprofit organization, faith based organizations and government agencies to determine the best course of action to reduce homelessness. They considered their plan broad based and comprehensive, but in no way includes every possible aspect. They said the key elements included moving people into housing first and fast; to provide sufficient and coordinated supportive services to homeless households to access the assistance, housing and tools needed to obtain permanent housing; and to prevent homelessness through financial assistance, timely follow-up and crisis intervention and effective discharge planning linked to housing. She provided a budget proposal with expenditures for the next three years, looking at immediate needs for ESHB 2163 funds in the total amount of \$356,129.00 including \$20,000.00 emergency housing; \$15,000.00 staff (in 2009 only) and \$15,000.00 in vouchers for 24/7 enhanced crisis line; \$7,500.00 for database of services and up to \$100,000.00 request for proposal/grant process. She indicated there would be approximately \$198,629.00 to be set aside in reserves. The SHB 2060 budget proposal included a total amount of \$440,132.00 including \$30,000.00 for senior rent assistance program; \$20,000.00 emergency affordable rental assistance program; \$200,132.00 for a

request for proposal/grant process and approximately \$190,000.00 to be held in reserves.

**COMMISSIONER JEWELL** asked who would have discretion on the vouchers. **MS. GOODLOE** said the voucher process would still need to be set up and it could possibly set up similar to the Veteran's process. She indicated there needed to be more emergency shelter's available to the County and the use of the hotels would be the best at this time. She said if all the agencies would agree, there is a "4People" database system for \$7,500.00 that 9 agencies and 10 churches could sign up for (web based software system) to track information. She provided information on the types of grants that agencies could apply for use of those funds. **CATHY BAMBRICK, COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE** said one of the tasks of their committee was to figure out a way to track the homeless population and they believe it's important to do that to see if they are making a difference. She said counties who use the database indicate it's an efficient use of funds so all agencies know what is going on. **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** felt the funds for tracking a little under 200 people was a little expensive and questioned if there was another way to track the information. **MS. BAMBRICK** said one of the most important pieces for the system is to ensure that confidentiality is maintained (firewalls, etc.), and noted not only would the homeless be tracked, but those at risk for being homeless can track every step they take. She said the Tri-Cities currently have the system and felt although it may be a lot of money up front but it would save money in the long run. **COMMISSIONER McCLAIN** noted the filings with the Auditor's office have seen a significant decrease because of the current market, and asked if they were worried about depleting the funds. **MS. GOODLOE** said they would be seeking grants to assist with those funds from the State and Fed's. She indicated bus tickets never came up as a need when they conducted their survey but said they could look at that if the Board directed them to.

**THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: MARTHA PITTS** said she went to the meeting where the database system was being discussed and she has reservations about it especially with agencies not being able to afford the \$750.00 annually. She felt the data system may be a barrier to those whose pride and shame may prevent them from exposing themselves to shared information amongst agencies. **JEFF CRUMP** speaking on behalf of HopeSource said the proposal is very sound and deals with specifics within the County. He said they continue to produce similar numbers every year when they do their "point in time" function. He said it is tough to connect with various providers and did not know if the 4People data base approach would be the best way to go at this time. **VAUGH ELLISON REPRESENTING CENTRAL WASHINGTON DISABILITIES RESOURCES** applauded the committees work and said she had concerns relating to the database and information being shared between agencies. She said there are

individuals who would not want their information shared with others. **BRUCE TABB, ELMVIEW** commended the committee's hard work. He said the crisis line was critical but their proposal may need to be looked into more in depth. He felt the money should be spent out in the community and encouraged the Board to not wait on the dollars that may be available for grants. **FRED KRUGER** felt the report was one of the best he has seen and some good things have emerged. He felt the mission statement and the proposal of agencies partnering was good. He said he did not see anyone on the committee from the Upper County and felt they should be represented, if possible. He said there was a system available called "Caring Index" which is put out by United Way and available for other communities to use, free of charge. **DON DAVIS** said he appreciated the committee's work and referenced a letter he had submitted to the Board noting he was a volunteer with St. Vincent de Paul. He said bus tickets are still one of the major solutions to homelessness in the County and believes it will probably continue into the future. He felt there is a way to staff an overnight shelter operation by volunteers and run a soup kitchen because a food bank is not adequate to meet the food needs. **PERRY ROWE, REPRESENTING THE HOUSING AUTHORITY** applauded the committee's efforts. He encouraged the Board to allow the Request for Proposal process to begin in order to get the funds out in the community. **ROGER McCUNE DIRECTOR OF THE FISH BANK** claimed the community food bank was not inadequate. He said they have been moving into a new facility on Water Street, which included a new frozen food storage unit and they have gone from being in a 700 square foot facility to 4,000 square feet. He indicated they would be putting in a soup kitchen. He questioned if they fit into the process. **THERE BEING NO ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLSOED.**

**MS. GOODLOE** said they cannot make the agencies go along with the database system and encouraged them to attend their next committee meeting to discuss the issue further. **MS. BAMBRICK** said they could provide another Resolution at a future date outlining the framework.

**CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** moved to continue the public hearing to Wednesday January 21, 2008 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium, Room 109, Kittitas County Courthouse, noting the record was closed. **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** seconded. The Board commended the committee on their hard work and efforts.

Motion carried 3-0.

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

**DISBAND BOUNDARY REVIEW BOARD**

**COMMISSIONERS**

At approximately 3:30 p.m. **CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** opened a public hearing continued from December 16, 2008 to consider disbanding the Kittitas County Boundary Review Board.

**ZERA LOWE, DEPUTY PROSECUTOR** reviewed the RCW which would allow the Board to disband the Boundary Review Board noting as long as all cities and towns have adopted a Comprehensive Plan they can move forward with it, if they choose.

The Board recessed for five minutes at 3:35 p.m.

At 3:40 p.m. the Board reconvened.

**CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** announced he had contacted the City of South Cle Elum and they do plan under the Growth Management Act and have a Comprehensive Plan.

**COMMISSIONER McCLAIN** said Mr. Glover brought up budgetary issues and those were something to consider and questioned if there was a need to duplicate services. He felt it was appropriate to disband the Boundary Review Board.

**COMMISSIONER McCLAIN** moved to disband the Kittitas County Boundary Review Board pursuant to statute and to direct staff to prepare enabling documents. **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**COMMISSIONER McCLAIN** moved to continue the public hearing to Wednesday January 21, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. for enabling documents. **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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**PUBLIC HEARING                      SURPLUS PROPERTY 6<sup>TH</sup> & PEARL                      COMMISSIONERS**

At approximately 3:43 p.m. **CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** opened a public hearing to consider whether the real property legally described as follows 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: Town of Ellensburg, Ellensburg Orig. Tax 8 & 9 of Lot 9; all of Lot 10 Block 7, (Courthouse Parking Lot) 6<sup>th</sup> & Pearl Street Ellensburg, Washington (Map Number 17-18-02050-0709 and Parcel Number 13633 (Parking Lot at the SW Corner of 6<sup>th</sup> & Pearl).

**COMMISSIONER McCLAIN** announced he had previously met with Ted Barkley, Ellensburg City Manager regarding this issue to get a history of the request. **TED BARKLEY, REPRESENTING THE CITY OF ELLENSBURG** said the issue dates back to approximately 3-4 years ago and came from a project from when the City interested in looking for additional parking in the downtown area. He reviewed the history and

said the City would negotiate a trade for the parking lot, the lots described in the materials provided to the Board, in addition to the un-vacated right-of-ways for the Fairgrounds. He said if the County agreed to the proposal the City would consider the request at their next meeting in January. He said over the years there have been a number of instances where the City and County have looked at value for value and put them all together. **COMMISSIONER McCLAIN** questioned if the road between 6<sup>th</sup> & Main could be done as part of the negotiation or simultaneously with a different agreement. **MR. BARKLEY** said it could be a possibility and the current council may look at that favorably. **COMMISSIONER McCLAIN** thought they could accommodate the cars that are currently in the parking lot and would like to discuss the 6<sup>th</sup> & Main alley in front of the Sheriff's office. He would like the City to still have jurisdiction over the 6<sup>th</sup> & Main alley until the County decided to do something with it. He offered to put together language for an agreement.

**THERE BEING NO ONE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** felt it would eventually benefit everyone and asked that Matt Anderson, Fairgrounds Director and Kirk Holmes, Public Works Director, be involved with the process as well.

**CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** moved to continue the public hearing to Tuesday February 3, 2009 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium, Room 109, Kittitas County Courthouse, noting the record was closed. **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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**PUBLIC HEARING NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE - HAMILTON RD. PUBLIC WORKS**

At approximately 4:03 p.m. **CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** opened a public hearing to consider granting a Non-Exclusive Irrigation Franchise on Hamilton Road, located in Section 31 of Township 17, Range 20, Ellensburg, Washington.

**TOM KELLY, PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION MANAGER** reviewed a request from Well Bartsma, for a Non-Exclusive Irrigation Franchise on Hamilton Road.

**THERE BEING NO ONE PRESENT REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING AS CLOSED.**

**AGREEMENT NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE - HAMILTON ROAD PUBLIC WORKS**

**COMMISSIONER JEWELL** moved to approve a Non-Exclusive Irrigation Franchise to use County Roads, Rights-of-Way with Well Bartsma for

Tax Number 460833 and 380833. **COMMISSIONER McCLAIN** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD**

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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**Julie A. Kjorsvik**

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**Alan Crankovich, Chairman**