

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

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

APRIL 20, 2010

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Darryl Ellis, Upper District Court Judge; Nancy Goodloe, Homelessness & Affordable Housing Committee; Susan Grindle, Executive Director of HopeSource; Geoff Crump, HopeSource; Perry Rowe, Executive Director of the Kittitas County Housing Authority; Cathy Bambrick, Public Health Administrator; Sue Higginbotham, Administrative Assistant; and 7 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING WASTE MANAGEMENT & FEE SCHEDULE SOLID WASTE

At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN McCLAIN** opened a public hearing to consider a contract with Waste Management to operate the County transfer stations and to set a new fee schedule.

PATTI JOHNSON, SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR reviewed a proposed contract with Waste Management to operate the transfer stations. She said they received one proposal to operate the facility and they have been in negotiations with them since November. **CHAIRMAN McCLAIN** questioned the fuel surcharge. She said the proposed contract is for a five (5) year period and explained how the price fluctuates with fuel fees. She noted the new fees would not go into effect until July 1, 2010 and would allow them time to notify the Utilities and Transportation Department of the increase.

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

CONTRACT WASTE MANAGEMENT - TRANSFER STATIONS SOLID WASTE

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to approve a Contract with Waste Management to operate the transfer stations for the hauling and disposal of municipal solid waste, hauling of inert, demolition of debris waste, hauling, processing and marketing of recyclables. **COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to approve Resolution No. 2010-45, Setting Fees for charges by the Solid Waste Department for the disposal of municipal solid waste, yard waste, construction waste, appliances, liquid waste or tires, effective July 1, 2010. **COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING JUDICIAL DISTRICTS & SERVICE CONTRACTS COMMISSIONERS

At 2:05 p.m. **CHAIRMAN McCLAIN** opened a public hearing to consider accepting the recommendation to not amend the Kittitas County Judicial Districts and to consider amending the Judicial Service Contracts with the cities of Cle Elum and Roslyn.

COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH explained that while looking at last year's budget, and trying to focus on cost savings measures, the idea was brought up of possibility combining the Upper and Lower District Courts. He said the Districting Committee was requested to meet and review options and to make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners. The committee forwarded a recommendation to make no change to the Upper and Lower District Courts and to leave the current structure of how it is. **CHAIRMAN McCLAIN** questioned what the best to approach would be to move forward with the Upper District Court Services.

JUDGE DARRYL ELLIS said he had been selected Chair of the committee and reiterated their recommendation to take no action on redistricting. He said the current districts meet standards and they looked at all proposals which ultimately determined the citizen's needs are best served by allowing the districts to be unchanged. He indicated there was a need for something more cost effective regarding a permanent location for the Upper District Court.

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

COMMISSIONER JEWELL asked if there were any proposed contracts to consider for Court services with cities of Cle Elum & Roslyn. **CHAIRMAN McCLAIN** explained there were some issues that still needed to be resolved and suggested taking no action. **COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** said he had notified the cities that the Prosecutors office would be contacting them.

COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH moved to accept the recommendation from the Kittitas County District Court Districting Committee, to not amend the Judicial Districts. **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** seconded.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL said he appreciated the work of committee and looked forward to a much more fiscally, responsible outcome. **COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** said judicial services have been in Upper County Court since the 1960's and he don't know how it's gone that long without acquiring a permanent location of their own.

Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING HOMELESS & AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSIONERS

At 2:13 p.m. **CHAIRMAN McCLAIN** opened a public hearing to consider recommendations from the Homelessness & Affordable Housing committee on applications received for grant funding from the Homeless Prevention and Affordable Housing funds, as allowed by ESSHB 2163 and SHB 2060.

NANCY GOODLOE, REPRESENTING THE HOMELESSNESS & AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE reviewed their recommendations on grant applications that were received from EnTrust for the Rapid Intervention Emergency Transitional Housing project and Habitat for Humanity, for Habitat House 11. She said after review of the applications, they were recommending fully funding the project from EnTrust, and to not fund the Habitat for Humanity project at this time. She indicated that it's not because that they do not support Habitat for Humanity, but rather the amount of funds available. They felt it would be more beneficial to utilize the funds by being able to assist approximately 25 individuals and families with case management, rather than one house.

TOM GAULKE, REPRESENTING EnTRUST reviewed their project application. He indicated there were currently securing a contract for developmental disability employment with Kittitas County, and he has been working with Bruce Tabb. He indicated a Request for Qualifications would be going out sometime in June.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL felt Elmview was capable of performing their duties and wondered what population was being targeted that is not already being served? **MR. GAULKE** said with their Hearth Grant, it serves those coming out of the Department of Corrections, and although there may be some overlap, their program would serve anyone at risk of becoming homeless.

CHAIRMAN McCLAIN questioned staff salaries, travel and training. **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** asked about the amount used for rental assistance. **MR. GAULKE** said it would assist with deposits, first & last, utilities, etc.

CAROLE MILLER RHODES said they reviewed their calculations at a rate of \$450.00 per month, and they work on budgets to ensure their income will be enough to pay the rent. **PERRY ROWE, KITTITAS COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY** said they serve as a pass through agency and applications would be made to them and they would do the background checks and forward the information to EnTrust. **COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** expressed concerns with so much funding going towards administration. **MS. RHODES** recognized his concern, but spoke of how case management is imperative to become self sufficient. **MR. GAULKE** explained how employment was a piece of the problem, but the idea is to get people settled in and hooked up with services, while they assist them with getting employment. **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** said Central Washington Comprehensive Mental Health was listed on their paperwork as a partner organization, and they surprised that they were listed as well because they are a referral source already. **MS. MILLER** said the partnership exchange information is part of the holistic approach.

CATHY MATLINE, REPRESENTING HABITAT FOR HUMANITY reviewed their grant application. She thanked the Board for last year's grant and said the funding was an important piece for their ability to move on to the next house. She said they are now anxious to move into Upper County and they currently have an option to buy a lot there. She said they were concerned with the other project taking all money that's available, and understands there are a lot of housing needs, but home ownership is also important. She said Habitat for Humanity is dictated from an International organization, which has guidelines that require a timeline to not to exceed 2 years. She indicated that if they wait until next round of funding applications, it will push the process out in to next spring.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL said the last time they funded a house, there was discussion of one of their goals being to have 2 homes per year. He thought there had been previous discussions of the grants not becoming a continued funding source for them. He thought it would be a head start on their fundraising efforts, and asked if their stance changed? **MS. MATLINE** explained what has been happening over the past 6 months, stating they have secured a lease of a building and have started the RE-STORE. She said they are hoping that would eventually be enough, along with their other fundraising efforts.

COLLEEN GRIFFITH, VICE-PRESIDENT OF HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, said they have been looking at lots are always looking to the future to allow for continued growth at rate. She indicated they do not intend on coming back each time grant funding is available.

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

MS. GOODLOE said the committee had spent a lot of time reviewing EnTrust's application and they had also asked similar questions. The committee did not believe there will be a duplication of services, and that their piece involves case management. She said the committee supports Habitat for Humanity and would like more time to meet about potential funding opportunities in the future, but they were trying to stretch the resources available, while dealing with housing needs.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL asked if the Homeless funds can be applied more liberally. MS. GOODLOE she said she would feel more comfortable to get the Prosecutor's opinion on that. CATHY BAMBRICK, MEMBER OF COMMITTEE noted they looked at the number of people served, per dollar.

COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH said he had difficulty justifying spending over \$80,000 on administration costs. He said he would be in favor of awarding some to both applicants, rather than fully fund one and deny the other.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL said he would like more time to review and deliberate.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to continue the public hearing to Tuesday to May 4, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. for Board Discussion & Decision (noting the record is closed). COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD


Julie A. Kjorsvik

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Mark McClain, Chairman