

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

**THURSDAY**

**1:30 P.M.**

**FEBRUARY 23, 2012**

Board members present: Chairman Alan Crankovich; Vice-Chairman Obie O'Brien and Commissioner Paul Jewell.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Doc Hansen, Planning Official; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor; Jeff Watson, Staff Planner; Dan Valoff, Staff Planner and 4 members of the public.

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**APPEAL HEARING            PLUM CREEK SEGREGATION APPLICATION S COMMISSIONERS**

At 1:30 p.m. **CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** opened a hearing to consider an Administrative Appeal of the Plum Creek Segregation applications (SG-10-00003 to SG-10-00008). He explained the hearing procedures and noted it was limited to only Board deliberation.

**COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN** moved to approve the appellants request to supplement the appeal record. **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**COMMISSIONER JEWELL** said after reading the record, he would be in favor of affirming the decision of the Community Development Services. He explained various reasons behind his support of the decision made by staff. He explained the previous Director of Community Development Services may have recognized government lots in the past in the complete absence of statutory or code authority, it does not require or authorize Kittitas County to continue to do so, nor does past unauthorized behavior create vested rights to the continuation of those errors. **COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN** acknowledged the County does not have a process in place, but Superior Court does and he would also be agreeing to affirm the decision made by staff.

**CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** explained how government lots do exist and what the applicant was trying to do was seek acknowledgement that those lots exist and to obtain tax parcel numbers. He said although he had struggled with the issue, he would be agreeing with the side of the appellant.

**COMMISSIONER JEWELL** moved to affirm the County's decision and to deny the appeal of the Plum Creek Segregation applications (SG-10-0003 to SG-10-0008). **COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN** seconded.

**COMMISSIONER JEWELL** said there is no formal process in place, so historic government lots are treated in the same manner and it would

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not be acceptable to move forward otherwise. **CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** said his decision was based on not having a process in place and how historical applications have been approved, along with how the County needs to maintain compliance with the Growth Management Act.

Motion carried 2-1.

Meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD**

  
Julie Kjorsvik

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Alan Crankovich, Chairman