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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Dan Valoff, Staff Planner; Doc Hansen, Planning Official; Jeff Watson, Staff Planner; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor and 2 members of the public.

At 2:00 p.m. CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH opened a Public Hearing to consider the Kittitas County Code Chapter 16.06 Administrative Segregation process.

NEIL CAULKINS, DEPUTY PROSECUTOR reviewed the history of a challenge that was brought before the Growth Management Hearings Board from the Yakama Nation regarding GMA compliance of the Kittitas County's Administrative Segregation process. He indicated the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing and recommended repealing the County's Administrative Segregation process with a 4-0 vote. He said they had been in recent negotiations with the Yakama Tribe. Mr. Caulkins described the vested rights doctrine. COMMISSIONER JEWELL questioned the interpretation of preliminary approval and the codes that are in effect at the time of application. He said he is hesitant to make a decision as they have not heard a response from the appellant since the Planning Commission's recommendation and suggested continuing the hearing until a later date for their response. MR. CAULKINS said the Yakama Nation has a brief due on Thursday and he did not see a major issue with continuing the hearing for a couple of days. DOC HANSEN, PLANNING OFFICIAL outlined the process for those applications that have already received preliminary approval and if there was a sunset clause set out by the Board of County Commissioners.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: JEFF SLOTHOWER reviewed the history of the exempt segregation process and vesting requirements. He felt there were a lot of citizens that do not realize there is a deadline and 90 days would not be enough to get everything completed including a field survey. He thought a six month period may be more sufficient. CATHERINE CLERF said she would like to see the issue come to a close and felt the old exempt segregations options were not taken by everyone. She felt 90 days was plenty of time as surveyors would be
willing to get the work done. **THERE WAS NO ONE ELSE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY.** **THE CHAIRMAN LEFT THE PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION OF THE HEARING OPEN.**

**MR. CAULKINS** indicated the Yakama Nation was not in favor of a 12 month time limit and how the 3 month period had been negotiated. **MR. HANSEN** said he had given some consideration for notifying the public of the time limit which would include written notice to private landowners and notification in the newspaper.

**MR. CAULKINS** offered to contact the Yakama Nation’s attorney to see if they had a response to the Planning Commission’s recommendation.

**CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** moved to continue the public hearing to Tuesday August 28, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium, Room 109, Kittitas County Courthouse, 205 West 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Ellensburg, WA. **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

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**CLERK OF THE BOARD**

Julie Kjorsvik

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Alan Crankovich, Chairman