TUESDAY 1:00 P.M. AUGUST 28, 2012

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor and 6 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING ADMINISTRATIVE SEGREGATION CDS

At 1:00 p.m. CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH opened a Public Hearing continued from August 21, 2012 to consider Kittitas County Code Chapter 16.06 Administrative Segregation process. He noted the public record was still open.

NEIL CAULKINS, DEPUTY PROSECUTOR said he did not have anything to report since the previous public hearing regarding negotiations with the Yakama Nation, other than the Growth Management Hearings Board granted another extension to allow for continued discussions between the two parties.

THOSE PRESENT AND TESTIFYING: JIM HAND said he had previously provided paperwork to the County and did not hear anything back for over a year and come to find out all of his information had disappeared. He said it then became necessary to obtain an attorney to get things moving through the process. He said he was not happy about how long the process has been taking. He explained he was not in the development business, but rather he wanted to make sure his estate was taken care of for his children so they do not have to deal with it at a later date. URBAN EBERHART said there were many Farm Bureau members who had submitted exempt segregation applications to assist them with the underlying value of their property for help with bank financing. Each situation was different as to why some had not been completed, whether they had not completed access requirements, planning for the cost of surveying once they received approval, and they did not feel there was a deadline in which it was going to expire. He felt 90 days would not be enough time but recommended at least a 6 month period to allow those who began the process to complete the process. BRAD HABERMAN explained how property owners have been able to sell a portion of their property and pay off their debt in more difficult years and in the past there has never been a date in which it had to be completed by. He was unsure if 3 months would be enough time for people to get everything completed. BRENT
MELLERGAARD said they have been working on segregation since 2005 and they got into a boundary line dispute with the City that has been holding it up and felt six months would be a better timeline for them. DAVE NELSON, ENCOMPASS ENGINEERING & SURVEYING questioned when applications were considered "preliminary". He said that information is not included and explained how the segregation part is better for a loan value for property owners. He felt a six month period would be a better time limit because they have less of a survey crew working now. THERE WERE NO OTHERS REQUESTING TO TESTIFY AND THE CHAIRMAN LEFT THE RECORD OPEN.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL felt the Board should wait to get a response from the Yakama Nation before making any decisions. COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN suggested to keep working on getting their survey's done.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to continue the Public Hearing until Tuesday September 11, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium, Room 109, Kittitas County Courthouse, noting the record is to remain open. COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

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Julie Kjorsvik

Alan Crankovich, Chairman