COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM
SPECIAL MEETING

TUESDAY 9:00 A.M. FEBRUARY 19, 2013

Board members present: Chairman Obie O’Brien; Vice-Chairman Paul Jewell & Commissioner Gary Berndt.

Others: Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Lisa Young, HR Director; Patti Johnson, Solid Waste Director/Project Manager & one member of the public.

SPECIAL MEETING OFFICE STAFF MEETING COMMISSIONERS

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman O’Brien opened the Office Administration meeting.

CALENDAR WEEK AT A GLANCE COMMISSIONERS

The Board of County Commissioners reviewed their weekly calendar.

PAF/VOUCHERS REVIEW OF PAF’S & VOUCHERS COMMISSIONERS

The Board of County Commissioners approved and signed County Employee Personnel Action forms and vouchers.

CORRESPONDENCE LOG REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE LOG COMMISSIONERS

The Board of County Commissioners reviewed the weekly Correspondence Log, a listing of all incoming mail and correspondence for the week ending February 15, 2013.

REQUEST B.KELLEY NOISE ORD WAIVER COMMISSIONERS

Beryl Kelley, Citizen requested a waiver to the County Noise Ordinance to hold for a private party at her residence 1391 Reecer Creek Road, Ellensburg, WA 98926, on March 9, 2013 noting that the request was to allow music to play until 1:00 a.m. (March 10, 2013). She stated that she would provide portable toilets and trash bins for the expected number of guests and that admission is limited to personal invitation only. She stated that her property is able to accommodate off street parking and it should be more than adequate since the public is not invited to the. Commissioner Jewell reviewed the letter the Board received from the County Sheriff and explained that it was the Sheriff’s recommendation to allow the party to go on until midnight and not until 1:00 a.m. as the request was submitted for. He explained that the Sheriff had concerns with the property being in very close proximity of the dense housing development that
the Sheriff’s office is currently dealing with noise and party complaints. Ms. Kelley stated that she felt she could work with the Sheriff’s office recommendation. Commissioner Jewell also noted that the Sheriff’s office recommended that a note or flyer be distributed to the homes most affected. Commissioner Jewell suggested that Ms. Kelley might obtain a listing of those addresses from the County Assessor’s office.

Commissioner Jewell moved to approve a request for a waiver to the County Noise Ordinance from Beryl Kelley to hold a private party at her residence on 3/9/2013 at 1391 Reecer Creek Road until midnight, subject to Ms. Kelley submitting a listing of addresses that are within 500 feet of her residence notifying them of the party, noting that the listing needs to be provided to the Board of County Commissioners no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 6, 2013. Commissioner Berndt seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

LETTER SANDA CITY MAYOR PASSING COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Jewell moved to authorize Board signature on a letter of condolence to the County Sister City, Sanda Japan in honor of former Mayor Mr. Shinji Toshita recent passing. Commissioner Berndt seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

REQUEST SOLID WASTE SCALE HOUSE POSITION COMMISSIONERS

Patti Johnson, Solid Waste Director/Project Manager requested the Board approve her request to fill the recently vacated on call Scale House Attendant position. She stated that the her on-call position filled the full-time position she recently had vacant due to Kathy Markwell leaving and accepting a position in the County Treasurer’s Office. The Board approved Ms. Johnson’s request to post the vacancy in her office.

EXECUTIVE SESSION COMMISSIONERS

At 9:37 a.m. Commissioner O’Brien announced the Board would recess into an Executive Session for 10 minutes to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. However, subject to RCW 42.30.140 (4), discussion by a governing body of salaries, wages, and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when a governing body elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary of an individual employee or class of employees, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public. No action was anticipated.

At 9:47 a.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. No action was taken.

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At 9:47 a.m. Chairman O’Brien announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for 5 minutes to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. However, subject to RCW 42.30.140 (4), discussion by a governing body of salaries, wages, and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when a governing body elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary of an individual employee or class of employees, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public. No action was anticipated.

At 9:52 a.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. No action taken.

**UPDATE BOCC/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS COMMISSIONERS**

Each Commissioner was assigned three different Department Heads to meet with on a weekly basis. This was determined at a Special Meeting with the Board of County Commissioners held on June 18, 2009. Each Commissioner reviewed discussions held with their respective departments and exchanged details of those meetings. On January 3, 2011 the Board determined it would be beneficial to alternate Commissioners that will oversee the different Department Head’s on an annual basis.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Commissioner O’Brien updated the Board on recent discussions with County citizen Dennis Jensen about his concerns and issues with the Planning department. He also brought up concerns regarding the Noxious Weed Department not having a point of contact within the Board of County Commissioners as other Department Heads do. Commissioner Jewell explained that Noxious Weed has a Board of Directors that Todd Davis, Noxious Weed Program Coordinator reports to and that the County only has budgetary oversight for that department.

Commissioner Berndt updated the Board on who will be hosting/managing events in the Upper County such as Bauna Calda and Cruise Cle Elum, etc. He explained that there has been a lot of concerns expressed over those and other events slipping through the cracks with the changes at the Chamber and explained that Vision Cle Elum will now be hosting some of the events as well.

Commissioner Jewell updated the Board on his agenda for this week (2/20 & 2/21) in Olympia and noted that he will be staying an additional day due to some important water issues that will be discussed. He also reviewed the Legislative issues he will be
working on and their impact to the County well there and asked the Board for their permission to excuse him from the BoCC Regular Agenda Session (Special Meeting) on 2/20/2013 and the Public Hearings to allow him time to be in Olympia early that day for water meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD
Mandy Robinson

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