

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

TUESDAY

1:30 P.M.

APRIL 9, 2013

Board members present: Chairman Obie O'Brien, Vice-Chairman Paul Jewell, Commissioner Gary Berndt. Staff: Debbie Myers.

Members of the Public: David Miller & Alisa Spieckerman, Homeless and Affordable Housing Committee; Bruce Tabb, Elmview; Sarah Bedsaul, Kittitas Yakima Valley Community Land Trust; Mitchell Rhodes & Mark James, EnTrust; Norman Redburg & Emily Brown, ADDS; Perry Rowe, Housing Authority of Kittitas County; Stacy Kellog & Theresa Sanchez, People for People; John Raymond, HopeSource.

SPECIAL MEETING

HAHC GRANT APPLICATIONS

BOCC

Chairman O'Brien opened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. which was continued from the BOCC regularly scheduled Agenda meeting of April 2, 2013.

ENTRUST

Mitchell Rhodes with Entrust stated they had combined with the Kittitas County Housing Authority and ADDS to provide assistance and bed nights for homeless individuals in Kittitas County; as well as the 24/7 hotline and that these programs follow the ten-year Homelessness Plan for the County. He said the money passes through Entrust, and they work closely with the other entities.

Vice-Chairman Jewell asked about the accountability for the rental assistance program. Mr. Rhodes said they look for people searching for work, and actively seeking their own housing. Commissioner Berndt asked how many evictions they have in a given year. Mr. Rhodes said not more than six. Mr. Rhodes said Entrust works with HIMS and is working toward data sharing which is also part of the ten-year plan.

There was discussion on administrative costs and salaries associated with the Entrust Grant Application.

There was discussion on drug court and the ARM (ADDs Recovering Men's) House. Norman Redburg with ADDS said the people they are focusing on are homeless or coming out of institutions. They are required to pay \$250.00 if they are able. Emily Brown with ADDS said this is a new program, they are learning as they go, and trying to follow similar facility's programs in Washington State. She said in the past they have had trouble helping those discharging from jail, referrals, and inpatient treatments. The ARM house will help those

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wanting to get clean and sober. The criteria states that occupants will have 90 days for the initial stay but after a check on their status, their stay could be extended to 180 days.

There was discussion on this group of individuals and repeat offenders. Norman Redburg stated repeat offenders to the program are difficult to address. He said some people take just once, some take many tries to succeed. There was discussion on providing funding for one time only per person going through the program. Entrust was asked to get back to the BOCC with more information.

KITTITAS YAKIMA VALLEY COMMUNITY LAND TRUST (KYVCLT)

There was discussion on whether money allotted to the KYVCLT would stay in Kittitas County. Sarah Bedsaul with KYVCLT stated the money would all be kept in Kittitas County.

There was discussion on funding, support and demand for KYVCLT and the current market.

There was discussion on the proposal to hire a Vista volunteer through Americorp. Ms. Bedsaul said she is full time now and if all the grants and proposals came at the same there would be too much work for one person and that they can get a Vista person for 40 hours a week for a cost of \$8,000.00 a year, which she stated is a really good deal.

Commissioner Berndt asked about the \$40,000 Quido grant and how many were on the KYVCLT Board. Ms. Bedsaul said the Quido grant would help the KYVCLT move out from under Elmview and get established on its own and that she is actively pursuing grants and other funding sources too. She said the KYVCLT currently has eight members on the Board.

There was discussion on the land located on Water Street. Chairman O'Brien asked if there were any restrictions on the land. Ms. Bedsaul stated the information was not back from the attorneys yet.

PEOPLE FOR PEOPLE

Stacy Kellog with People for People said their application is to build on the grant from last year. They want a one stop call center to connect people with services. If approved, the funding would allow them to be more integrated in the community and do more local outreach. She said they serve 18 counties and rely on other grants and funding for their daily operations.

There was discussion on overhead costs for the applicants.

Vice-Chairman Jewell moved to continue the discussion to the May 7, 2013 Commissioner's Agenda. Commissioner Berndt seconded. The Commissioners thanked the Homeless and Affordable Committee for their work reviewing the applications. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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Debbie Myers

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Obie O'Brien, Chairman