MONDAY 10:00 A.M. JUNE 15, 2015

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

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Patti Johnson, Solid Waste Director/Project Manager/Interim Maintenance Director & Brenda Larsen, Fire Marshal.

REGULAR MEETING DEPARTMENT HEAD FIRE MARSHAL

Brenda Larsen, Fire Marshal presented the Board with a Resolution for consideration. She stated that she had sent it to them previously and hadn’t received any questions.

RESOLUTION 2015-095 OUTDOOR BURN BAN FIRE MARSHAL

Commissioner Jewell moved to approve Resolution 2015-095, declaring an emergency ban on outdoor burning. Commissioner O’Brien seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Patti Johnson, Solid Waste Director/Project Manager/Interim Maintenance Director stated that it was brought to her attention over the weekend that currently the Courthouse fire system is not being monitored. She stated that she called and was told that no representative from Moon Security could get here for another week. She requested permission to terminate the current contact and get Rells Fire Protection on board to provide services to the County. The Board directed Ms. Johnson to move forward with her proposal.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

KITITITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD KITITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Mandy Buchholz

Gary Berndt, Chairman

06/15/2015 MINUTES 1
1. Call to Order

2. Request to the Board of County Commissioners to sign the Resolution implementing the burn ban

3. Other business

4. Adjourn
A RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY BAN ON OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Lands (Department of Natural Resources) has implemented a burn ban effective July 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources requires a burn ban in DNR protected lands outside of a fire district, with the exception of designated campgrounds with approved fire pits; and

WHEREAS, Kittitas County is currently experiencing severe dry conditions, high energy release components for fuel models, and low 1,000-hr fuel moisture contents; and

WHEREAS, the Kittitas County Fire Marshal’s Office has alerted the citizens of Kittitas County to the extent that the severe dry conditions are creating a dangerous fire hazard; and

WHEREAS, different fire danger levels exist within the fire districts due to topography and vegetation;

WHEREAS, agricultural burning is an integral part of our rural environment and shall be allowed based on Department of Ecology regulations and requirements;

WHEREAS, Kittitas Valley Fire and Rescue, Fire District 1, Fire District 3, Fire District 6, Fire District 7 and Fire District 8 require a full burn ban to include recreational fires and BBQ briquettes; and

WHEREAS, Snoqualmie Pass Fire and Rescue requires a burn ban which prohibits all burning other than recreational cooking fires less than 2’ x 2’; and

WHEREAS, Fire District 4 require a burn ban which prohibits all burning other than recreational campfires in campsites less than 2’ x 3’; and

WHEREAS, the Kittitas County Fire Marshal has determined that it is in the best interest of the County to implement the burn ban; and

WHEREAS, State statutes give the counties authority to issue emergency declarations;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners, in the interest of the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Kittitas County, and in response to the continued threat of fire, declare an immediate burn ban until further notice:
THE OPEN BURNING BAN shall include, but not be limited to: Burning wood, brush, weeds and other ground cover not associated with the exempt agricultural burning, bonfires, or the open burning of any materiel or fuel for any purpose that creates a fire hazard; or, for Kittitas Valley Fire and Rescue, Fire Districts 1, 3, 6, 7, and 8, wood, coal, or charcoal briquette camp fires or cook fires:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this declaration shall be effective immediately upon signature by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Kittitas, Washington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution will be available from the Clerk of Kittitas County at the Kittitas County Board of Commissioner’s office at 205 W. 5th Street, Ellensburg, Washington.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS DAY 15th June, 2015

KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Gary Berndt, Chairman
Obie O'Brien, Vice Chairman
Paul Jewell, Commissioner

ATTESTED BY:
Julie Kjorsvik
Kittitas County Clerk