

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
ARMORY HALL
901 EAST 7TH AVENUE
ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON
SPECIAL MEETING**

TUESDAY

6:00 P.M.

OCTOBER 20, 2015

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

Others: Erin Moore, Environmental Health Specialist; Mark Larson, Public Health Official; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor; Doc Hansen, Planning Official/Interim Planning Director; Holly Myers, Environmental Health Supervisor; Robin Read, Public Health Administrator; and approximately 25 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING WATER MITIGATION & METERING PROGRAM PUBLIC HEALTH

At 6:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN BERNDT** opened a Public Hearing to consider regulations, policies, procedures, and fees for the Kittitas County Water Mitigation and Metering Program.

Public Health Staff reviewed the proposed water mitigation and metering program which was slated to be ready for full implementation by December 2, 2015 when the permanent water mitigation measures go into effect. They reviewed proposed code revisions, internal policy, forms, applications, reports, public information and recommendations. The Board of County Commissioners asked questions of Staff and for further clarification on the proposed program.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: **BERNICE BEST** had questions regarding stockwater; the proposed checklist and why a well is needed to be put in place prior to going through the process and then risk not being able to use the water; and wondered what would happen when the County's water bank no longer has water available. **ANDY SCHMIDT** asked how existing plat's that have been deemed complete would be accommodated when/if they chose to develop it later on in the future. **MARK STEVENSON** said he was a builder and questioned where the eligibility requirements are as clients will want to know if they are going to be able to build prior to purchasing a piece of property. He suggested having more flexibility in the packages for larger families versus smaller families and questioned what the costs, fees, fines were and what will be the enforcement if people go over the average. **CINDY McMEANS** wanted confirmation that all wells in place prior to December 2, 2015 were going to be good without having to go through the proposed regulations or metering.

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THERE BEING NO OTHERS REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL addressed the various questions that were raised during the public testimony portion of the hearing. He noted how Kittitas County was the first one in the State to have this type of program and thanked County Staff for their hard work, leadership and detailed presentation.

RESOLUTION 2015-145 WATER BANK MITIGATION & METERING PUBLIC HEALTH

COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-145, Adopting the Policy and Procedures of the Kittitas County Water Bank Mitigation and Metering Program. **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

ORDINANCE 2015-007 KITTITAS COUNTY WATER BANK PUBLIC HEALTH

COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN moved to approve Ordinance No. 2015-007, to Amend Chapter 13.35 and Enact Chapter 13.40 of the Kittitas County Code. **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

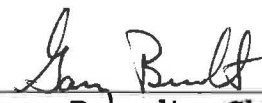
Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



Julie Kjorsvik



Gary Berndt, Chairman