

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

**MONDAY**

**11:30 A.M.**

**DECEMBER 19, 2016**

Board members present: Chairman Obie O'Brien; Commissioner Paul Jewell and Commissioner Laura Osiadacz.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Susan Grindle, Nancy Goodloe & David Miller from the Homelessness & Affordable Housing Committee; and 4 members of the public.

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**HOPESOURCE PROPOSAL**

**COMMISSIONERS**

At 11:36 a.m. Chairman O'Brien opened a Special Meeting to consider a new site proposal from HopeSource.

Susan Grindle, HopeSource Executive Director, said they have a signed Purchase & Sale Agreement and is currently in escrow. She indicated HopeSource has worked over the years with the City, County, and private citizens and due to their work they are now receiving frequent calls from private landowners to come out and look at their property for a possible site for affordable housing. She said private sellers do not want to wait for a long process, but rather a reasonable timeframe and was concerned about not being able to have a process in place that would allow for the flexibility. They could potentially have between 5 and 7 years of consistent building of units. They are currently leveraging the \$500,000.00 in order to possibly get up to 14 million into the County and the units would assist with affordable housing. Chairman O'Brien said he would not be participating in any funding decisions relating to HopeSource. Commissioner Jewell recommended that Chairman O'Brien not participate in meetings relating to HopeSource due to any potential conflict of interest. Chairman O'Brien excused himself from the meeting and left the room.

Ms. Grindle submitted a project application for Affordable Housing for the Spurling Court. She said the project was located within the City of Ellensburg and explained the urgency due to other available funds including the Low Income Housing Tax Credits, USDA Rural Development Grants and 811 HUD Housing Vouchers. As soon as they are awarded funds for the project, the location will be determined and they will begin working with

the City of Ellensburg on the Conditional Use Project (CUP) process for density.

Commissioner Jewell explained how the non-profit process is a little different rather than a private sale. Ms. Grindle said if they were granted a commitment of the \$500,000.00 the funds would not be utilized until the project has been fully funded.

Commissioner Osiadacz noted how units were basically the same as the previous project. She believed HopeSource should share the location of the project with the public as soon as possible so citizens can have input and voice any comments they may have.

Nancy Goodloe, Homelessness & Affordable Housing Committee member questioned if the residents of Shady Acres would be able to qualify to live in the units. Ms. Grindle noted that Elisabeth Tutsch from the Northwest Justice Project said in her opinion they could qualify.

Commissioner Jewell said he'd like to review the application & have the HAHC get together and obtain their thoughts and feedback. The Board directed Staff to schedule a Special Meeting for Thursday December 22, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. for further discussion and possible decision.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
CLERK OF THE BOARD**

**KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

  
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Julie Kjorsvik

  
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Paul Jewell, Vice-Chairman