# COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON COMMISSIONERS AUDITORIUM SPECIAL MEETING

TUESDAY 2:00 P.M. FEBRUARY 20, 2018

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

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board II; Jill Scheffer, KVEC Director; Dan Carlson, CDS Director; Mark Cook, DPW Director; Stephanie Hartung, Deputy Prosecutor; and 15 members of the public.

## PUBLIC HEARING

### INTERNAL/EXTERNAL RENTAL RATES

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At 2:00 p.m. CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ opened a Public Hearing to consider amending internal and external rental rates at the Kittitas Valley Event Center.

JILL SCHEFFER, EVENT CENTER DIRECTOR provided a Staff Report including the research that she & her staff compiled to present Event Center Rates they felt to be competitive, with similar facilities and also discussions previously held with the Board to get their feedback. She reviewed significant changes and/or additional services/products they have to offer and noted that in general the rates reflect a 5% increase.

BECKEY SHERLEY, RESIDENT stated she was not in favor of the proposed rate increase and spoke about the financial impacts on smaller groups who host events. ROYLENE CRAWFORD, RESIDENT stated that she was torn. She stated that as a lessee she is not in favor and felt more responsibility is being put on the lessee, so increase cost and providing less is hard for her to support. She stated that as a Fair Board Member she understands what the County is trying to accomplish and what expectations are out there for folks using the facility. JARED FUDACZ, RESIDENT explained that he shared the comments that Ms. Crawford and Ms. Sherley expressed. DWANYE LANE, RESIDENT stated that he used to host a roping event but the cost got to be too high, so now he hosts them at his house. He stated he gets contacted frequently about others wanting to use his arena, and that they share the same frustration he has with the rates going up and up and nothing in return. He strongly encouraged the Board to not take action on the proposed Resolution. THERE BEING NO OTHERS REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

RESOLUTION 2018-025

ADOPT KVEC RENTAL & USE FEE SCHD

**KVEC** 

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to Approve Resolution No. 2018-025, Adopting the Kittitas Valley Event Center Rental & Use Fee Schedule.

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COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN seconded. COMMISSIONER JEWELL provided some reasons as to why the rates have to be raised, noting some of it has to do with State unfunded mandates. COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN explained that it was a real struggle for him to support raising the rates however he does understand why it has to be done. CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ stated that she is not in favor of raising rates and understands how frustrating it can be for lessee's, but the County has a facility that have to maintain and finance. She stated she hopes they can come up with some balance in the near future but for now this is what has to be done. Motion carried 3-0.

JILL SCHEFFER, EVENT CENTER DIRECTOR presented the Board with a Resolution for consideration adopting the Kittitas Valley Event Center Policy and Reduction Rate for County Reservations. She reviewed examples that would fall under the proposed Resolution and indicated that there are significant dollars being lost by the Event Center not being able to charge a reduced rate to County Departments and Boards, Committee's and Commissions using the facility at no cost.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL felt the wording was poor in the policy section 2 "KVEC Event Reservations - Reduced Rate". He stated that under Item A having to prove you have exhausted all other resources is not acceptable to him. He also stated he would not support Item B in Section 2 of the proposed policy. He stated that it needed further revisions before he would comfortably support a Resolution. COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN stated that he had similar reservations and supports what Commissioner Jewell has stated. CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ stated that she sees what Ms. Scheffer is trying to accomplish, but also understands what the other Commissioners are saying. She felt there is are further discussions to be had and further research to do internally before the Board can consider any kind of a Resolution. COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to take no action on the proposed Resolution adopting the Kittitas Valley Event Center Policy and Reduction Rate for County Reservations, until further work could be completed. He stated once the work is done then there should be another Public Hearing for the Board to consider the Resolution. **COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

### PUBLIC HEARING CURRIER CREEK ESTATES SPEED LIMIT PUBLIC WORKS

At approximately 2:54 p.m. Chairman Osiadacz opened a Public Hearing to Consider Amending Kittitas County Code Section 10.08.010 Speed Limits and Section 10.12.010 Stop & Yield Signs within Currier Creek Estates.

MARK COOK, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR presented a Staff Report and explained that Resolution 2018-022 was adopted by the Board on 2/6/2018 adopting the remaining roads on system. The roadway and traffic design was previously conducted by an outside engineering

firm for the development and was approved both during design and construction by the City of Ellensburg. This included the placement of the traffic control signage (stop signs) and the setting of the speed limit to conform the existing development at 25 MPH. He stated that Public Works is recommending formally adopting these regulator signs and speeds into County Code.

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

ORDINANCE 2018-004 AMEND CO. CODE 10.08 & .12.010 PUBLIC WORKS

**COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN** moved to Approve Ordinance No. 2018-004, Establishment of a 25 Mile per hour speed zone and the placement of speed limit signs and stop signs on Sunnyview Lane and Middlecrest Drive and Amending Section 10.08.010 and 10.12.010 of the Kittitas County Code. **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

# PUBLIC HEARING PERRY ROAD RIGHT OF WAY PUBLIC WORKS

At approximately 2:58 p.m. Chairman Osiadacz opened a continued Public Hearing from February 6, 2018, to consider the vacation of a portion of Perry Road Right of Way, noting the record is open.

MARK COOK, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR explained that the Board direction and reasoning for the February 6, 2018 Public Hearing being continued was to allow Staff to establish utility easements, access easements and easement from the south side of the canal to the north side of the canal. He stated that they have completed that work and are recommending the Board sign the Resolution before them.

STEVE BRANCH, ZIRKLE FRUIT CO. thanked the County and Public Works for a great experience throughout the process as it's been easy and everyone has been pleasant. THERE BEING NO OTHERS REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

RESOLUTION 2018-026 VACATION PORTION OF PERRY RD PUBLIC WORKS

COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN moved to Approve Resolution No. 2018-026, Authorizing the Vacation of a portion of Perry Road. COMMISSIONER JEWELL seconded. The Board expressed their appreciation for the additional efforts made by Public Works to clean up the questions they previously had. Motion carried 3-0.

### APPEAL HEARING THUNDER RIDGE PLAT CDS

At approximately 3:04 p.m. Chairman Osiadacz opened a continued Appeal Hearing from January 16, 2018, to consider an Appeal of the Thunder Ridge Plat filed by Attorney Jeff Slothower on behalf of Marcie and Chad Stevens, noting the record is closed.

COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN move to affirm the CDS Directors decision.

Motion died for a lack of a second.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL explained his decision making process and noted it was not an easy process. He stated it came down to a fundamental question "did the County have an obligation to act on the plat within 30 days as stated in RCW regardless of what is submitted". If so, it's clear the County failed to do so. COMMISSIONER JEWELL further reviewed RCW's and case law that support his decision/recommendation to remand it back to CDS for processing & uphold the Appeal. COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN stated that he would be voting against Commissioner Jewell's recommendation. He stated that he felt CDS did their due-diligence throughout the process. CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ explained that it was evident in her review that the applicant was working in good faith with CDS.

**COMMISSIONER JEWELL** moved to uphold the Appeal and relief be granted to the applicant and remand the Plat back to CDS for processing under KCC 16 and within the timelines outlined in RCW 58.17.140. **CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ** seconded. Motion carried 2-1 (O'Brien opposed).

**COMMISISONER JEWELL** moved to direct Staff to prepare enabling documents memorializing the decision and creating the appropriate Findings of Fact with legal basis for the Boards consideration at the next Agenda Session. **COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

Mandy Buchholz

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Laura Osiadacz, Chairman