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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Mark Cook, Public Works Director/Engineer; Kay Kresge, Fiscal Analyst; Dr. Mark Larson, Public Health Official; and 6 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING AMEND TITLE 6 - ANIMALS COMMISSIONERS

At 2:00 p.m. VICE-CHAIRMAN O’BRIEN opened a Public Hearing to consider creating a Dog Control Ordinance.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL provided a Staff Report and said he had been notified from a few County departments of who had proposed changes since the Board had previously adopted a Dog Control Ordinance. He said the proposed Ordinance included a rabies component as recommended by the Public Health Department; allowing for easier administration for the Sheriff’s Department; and the publishing requirement of 4 consecutive weeks. He indicted the proposed Ordinance has been simplified by taking out the duplication of State law, while keeping the major components in place. The appropriate publishing requirements have been met as well.

MARK LARSON, PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER said they simplified their portion of the document and said their concerns have been addressed.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: BRE ELSEY said her family lives next to a neighbor who owns packs of dangerous dogs and where attacks have taken place against other dogs. She said she is disappointed with the lack of assistance they have received from the local Sheriff’s Department. She thought the intent of the law is not to hurt 95% legal dog owners, only those who own dangerous and lose dogs. She submitted a letter from Dr. Elise Herman and police reports into the record. STEVE WEIDENBACH, INSURANCE AGENT explained how he had lawfully entered a vacant property on Brown Road where he was surrounded by a pack of dogs where the owner eventually came out to get them, and how he’s been to the hospital 2 times from dog bites. He encouraged the Board to adopt the proposed Ordinance. THERE BEING NO OTHERS REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.
ORDINANCE 2018-012

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to approve Ordinance No. 2018-012, Amending Title 6 Animals of the Kittitas County Code. COMMISSIONER O’BRIEN seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

At 2:21 p.m. VICE-CHAIRMAN O’BRIEN opened a Public Hearing to consider equipment surplus to the County’s needs and to authorize disposal of the same in accordance with RCW 36.34.080.

MARK COOK, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/INTERIM ENGINEER provided a Staff Report and recommended the Board approve a Resolution declaring Equipment Rental and Revolving Fund Equipment not Surplus to the County’s Needs and to Authorize Disposal in Accordance with RCW 36.34.080.

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

RESOLUTION 2018-094

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to approve Resolution No. 2018-094, to Declare Equipment Rental and Revolving Fund Equipment Surplus Not to the County’s Needs. VICE-CHAIRMAN O’BRIEN seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Julie Kjorsvik

Obie O’Brien, Vice-Chairman