

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

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

JANUARY 17, 2023

Board members present: Chairman Cory Wright; Vice-Chairman Brett Wachsmith; and Commissioner Laura Osiadacz.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Mark Cook, Public Works Director; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor; David Ohl, Airport Director; Josh Fredrickson, Engineer; and 5 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING

MITCHELL AERONAUTICAL LEASE

AIRPORT

At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WRIGHT** opened a Public Hearing to consider a request to approve an Aeronautical Lease with Ron Mitchell.

DAVID OHL, AIRPORT DIRECTOR, provided a Staff Report and explained how Ron Mitchell had been a long-time tenant at the airport with good standing and recommended approval of the lease.

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

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MITCHELL AERONAUTICAL LEASE

AIRPORT

VICE-CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH moved to approve an Airport Hangar Ground Lease between Kittitas County and Ron and Sonja Mitchell, Bowers Field Airport Binding Site Plan Amendment, Lot H-33. **COMMISSIONER OSIADACZ** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

BLACK HORSE AT WHISKEY CREEK PUD

PUBLIC WORKS

At 2:04 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WRIGHT** opened a Public Hearing to consider a request for an On-System Road Establishment for Roads within the Black Horse at Whiskey Creek Planned Unit Development.

CHAIRMAN WRIGHT said he had recused himself in the past when issues relating to Black Horse had come before the Board, but indicated there was no plat issue to be discussed today and he felt he could be impartial in the matter. There were no concerns expressed.

JOSH FREDRICKSON, ENGINEER, reviewed a Staff Report and indicated their office received an On-System County Road Establishment application for roads serving the north half of the first phase of the Black Horse at Whiskey Creek Planned Unit Development (Black Horse). He explained how the roads were constructed and they had met the public standard. They were also verified in the field to meet

the requirements. The roads were paved in 2021 and a topcoat in 2022. The roads being considered are 29th Avenue, Mustang Court, Morgan Court, Longhorn Loop and the portions of Roundup Drive, Wrangler Drive and Bridle Way located north of 29th Avenue.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: JOHN WOODS said he was a neighbor of Black Horse and there's been a LUPA filed in court on the entire project. He said if the County authorizes the request and then if the appellant prevails in the appeal, it could all end up changing. He recommended that the Board not make a decision on the matter until the LUPA has been settled. **THERE BEING NO OTHERS REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

NEIL CAULKINS, DEPUTY PROSECUTOR, addressed the LUPA case filed and there was no stay put in place, hence the Board is legally free to make a determination, as is the applicant having to do with plat. He said the case has been bogged down with discovery issues and the County has been trying to work with the appellants, but in essence they have not been pushing their case.

RESOLUTION 2023-006 BLACK HORSE AT WHISKEY CREEK PUD PUBLIC WORKS

VICE-CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-006, On-System Road Establishment for Roads within the Northern Portion of the Black Horse at Whiskey Creek Planned Unit Development.


COMMISSIONER OSIADACZ seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The meeting was concluded at 2:16 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD


Julie Kjorsvik

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Chairman Cory Wright