

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

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

AUGUST 20, 2024

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Mandy Buchholz, Office Administrator; Stephanie Hartung, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor; Bryan Elliott, Auditor; Zack DeHaven, Assistant Finance Director; Josh Fredrickson, Public Works Director; Cameron Curtis, Engineer; Patti Stacey, Facilities Director; and approximately 10 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL RATES

SOLID WASTE

At approximately 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** opened a Public Hearing to consider Setting Rates for Solid Waste Disposal.

PATTI STACEY, FACILITIES DIRECTOR, reviewed a Staff Report and included information on proposed increases to disposal fees. She said it was to ensure that the costs to run the programs are fully funded.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: RIKKI SCHMITT, OWNER OF BROWN & JACKSON, questioned how Yakima and King County's fees were lower and felt the increases were unjustified and retaliatory. She said there'd been no improvements at the lagoons and felt the County should be applying for grants rather than putting the increase costs onto their constituents. **MALIA DAVIS** said she works at Brown & Jackson, spoke in opposition of the proposed increases, and was extremely concerned for their customers costs. **CANDACE COMFORT** questioned why Kittitas County has such a higher price in fees than Yakima County. She asked if the County had applied for grants as a governmental agency to help offset the costs. **TYLER SCHMITT, OWNER OF BROWN & JACKSON** said the costs were cheaper everywhere else. He questioned where the money was going and asked if there were any other options to look into. **DUANE LANPHERE**, asked if the County could look into who provides services to Yakima County, and see if it would be more affordable. **THERE BEING NO OTHERS REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

MS. STACEY addressed questions and clarified information on the proposed fees.

APPROVED

9-17-24

COMMISSIONER WRIGHT moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-148, and to amend it by striking the effective date of 10/1/24, for unsecured load fee only, and replace it with an effective date of October 1, 2025. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** seconded. Motion approved 2-0.

PUBLIC HEARING**IRRIGATION FRANCHISE****PUBLIC WORKS**

At 2:37 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** opened a Public Hearing to consider an Irrigation Franchise with Clint Weaver along Robbins Road, Ellensburg.

JOSH FREDRICKSON, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, provided a Staff Report regarding an Irrigation Franchise application received from Clint Weaver, for the placement of a pipe under Robbins Road to serve irrigation water to Parcel No. 954751 and 962837. He recommended approval of the Irrigation Franchise.

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

AGREEMENT**NON-EXCLUSIVE IRRIGATION WATER FRANCHISE****PUBLIC WORKS**

COMMISSIONER WRIGHT moved to approve a Non-Exclusive Irrigation Water Franchise to Use County Roads, Rights-of-Way and Other County Property within Kittitas County, with Clint Weaver, for Parcel Numbers 954751 and 962837. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

PUBLIC HEARING**WINCH ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY****PUBLIC WORKS**

At approximately 2:39 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** opened a Public Hearing to consider a Road Vacation of Winch Road Public Right-of - Way.

CAMERON CURTIS, ENGINEER, reviewed a Staff Report, including the history of Winch Road and said due to the lack of improvements and minimal benefit to the public, the Public Works Department requested the right-of-way be vacated. He indicated once it's vacated, the land will become attached to adjoining properties and added to the taxable land mass of the County. A 60-foot access and utility easement to affected landowners will be granted along the vacated portion of Winch Road.

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

COMMISSIONER WRIGHT moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-149, Vacating Winch Road from the Intersection with Lannigan Springs Road to the End of Winch Road (Mile Post 0.000 to Mile Post 0.210) and Providing Access and Utility Easement to the Affected Landowners. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

PUBLIC HEARING**AMEND 2024 BUDGET****AUDITOR**

At 2:47 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** opened a Public Hearing to consider proposed Amendments to the 2024 Budget.

ZACK DeHAVEN, ASSISTANT FINANCE DIRECTOR, provided a Staff Report and reviewed proposed amendments to the 2024 Budget.

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

RESOLUTION 2024-150**AMEND 2024 BUDGET****AUDITOR**

COMMISSIONER WRIGHT moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-150, Amending the 2024 Budget in the total amount of \$115,563.00. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

The meeting was concluded at 2:49 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD


Julie Kjorsvik

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**


Brett Wachsmith, Chairman

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

2:00pm Public Hearing

Regular Meeting

Tuesday August 20, 2024 - 2:00 PM

Commissioners' Auditorium

205 West 5th Room 109 - Ellensburg

- 1. Public Hearing to consider Setting Rates for Solid Waste Disposal.**
- 2. Public Hearing to consider an Irrigation Franchise with Clint Weaver along Robbins Road, Ellensburg.**
- 3. Public Hearing to consider a Road Vacation of Winch Road Public Right-of-Way.**
- 4. Public Hearing to consider proposed amendments to the 2024 Budget.**