

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY OF KITTITAS  
STATE OF WASHINGTON**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 003**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2.81.060 OF THE KITTITAS COUNTY  
CODE**

**WHEREAS**, RCW 36.34.005 authorizes a county to establish procedures for the management of county property, and once established those procedures will supersede those contained in Chapter 36.34 RCW; and

**WHEREAS**, the county adopted, via ordinance 2009-04, property management procedures codified in Kittitas County Code Chapter 2.81; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners desire to update the County Code by including an option for the Board of County Commissioners to delegate lease approval authority to a designee, via resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the provisions of this Ordinance shall be liberally construed for the accomplishment of its purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, nothing contained in this Ordinance is intended to be nor shall be construed to create or form the basis for any liability on the part of the Board of Commissioners, Kittitas County, or any of its officers, employees, or agents, for any injury or damage resulting from the failure of any person subject to Chapter 2.81.060 of the Kittitas County Code to comply with this Ordinance, or by reason or in consequence of any act or omission in connection with the implementation or enforcement of the above referenced Chapters on the part of the Board of Commissioners, Kittitas County, or any of its officers, employees, or agents; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and the public was provided due notice and opportunity to provide testimony on the proposed ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners believes that adopting this ordinance would be in the best interest of Kittitas County;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Commissioners of Kittitas County that Chapter 2.81.060 of the Kittitas County Code is hereby amended by adding the following underlined language to Chapter 2.81.060(4):

**Chapter 2.81.060**


**General Disposition of Property by Sale or Lease.**


1. Unless otherwise exempt as provided in this chapter, property that has been declared surplus to the county's needs shall be sold at auction or by sealed bid in accord with notice and process as provided in Chapter 36.34 RCW.

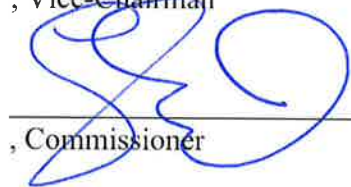
2. All sales or leases of county property shall be made to the highest responsible bidder at public sale, except where different provisions are made in this chapter.
3. In sales for cash, the highest bidder shall be deemed responsible. In determining the highest responsible bidder for other sales and for leases, the board may consider the price and terms bid, the character, integrity, reputation and financial responsibility of the bidder, and previous experience, if any, of the county with the bidder.
4. All leases of real property and all sales of real property shall be subject to board approval. The board may delegate approval authority to a designee, via resolution of the board.
5. Sales on Other Than Cash Basis. If real property is offered for sale on other than a cash basis, the terms must be stated in the notice. (Ord. 2009-04, 2009)

ADOPTED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

  
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ATTEST:  
  
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