

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

**TUESDAY**

**2:00 P.M.**

**JANUARY 5, 2016**

Board members present: Chairman Obie O'Brien; Vice-Chairman Paul Jewell; and Commissioner Gary Berndt.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor and 1 member of the public.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**COUNTY ADMISSIONS TAX**

**COMMISSIONERS**

At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** opened a Public Hearing continued from December 8, 2015 to consider the implementation of a County Admissions Tax. He noted the record was open.

**COMMISSIONER BERNDT** said at the last Public Hearing there had been a few concerns expressed including who would be qualified as exempt from the tax. He said he had not been able to complete the work yet and suggested continuing the hearing to allow additional time for review.

**COMMISSIONER BERNDT** moved to continue the Public Hearing to Tuesday January 19, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium, noting the record to remain open. **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE**

**COMMISSIONERS**

At 2:03 p.m. **CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** opened a Public Hearing to consider Amending Kittitas County Code Chapter 9.45, Noise Control Ordinance.

**NEIL CAULKINS, DEPUTY PROSECUTOR** presented draft language which would amend Kittitas County Chapter 9.45 - Noise Ordinance. He said the Ordinance first went into effect in 1995 and needs to be updated to standards that are legally enforceable and not too vague. A portion of the current Ordinance had been declared unconstitutional by Lower District Court Judge James Hurson, stating it was vague. He noted the violations would be a civil infraction rather than a criminal act. The Sheriff's Department had been provided a copy of the proposed amendments but he had not received any response back from them with any issues and/or recommended changes. Any issues would not be code enforcement but rather the responsibility of the Sheriff's Department.

The Board asked Staff questions of the proposed language and suggested changes to the draft Ordinance, including putting time limits back in the document. It was also suggested to keep the variance information within the Ordinance and to include additional language requiring the applicant to obtain proof of notification to the County Commissioners of all neighboring landowners within 1,000 feet.

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


**COMMISSIONER JEWELL** moved to continue the Public Hearing to Tuesday January 19, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium, to consider the revisions as were discussed by the Board, noting the record is to remain open and allow public testimony at the hearing. **COMMISSIONER BERNDT** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD**

  
Julie Kjorsvik

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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Obie O'Brien, Chairman