

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

WEDNESDAY

3:00 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Mark Cook, Public Works Director; Lucas Huck, Engineer; and approximately 10 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING

CARROLL ROAD SPEED LIMIT

PUBLIC WORKS

At 3:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN JEWELL** opened a Public Hearing continued from September 5, 2017 to consider a potential speed limit reduction on Carroll Road and to Amend Section 10.08.020 of the Kittitas County Code.

LUCAS HUCK, ENGINEER provided a Staff Report relating to the request to reduce the posted speed limit from 50 MPH to 35 MPH along Carroll Road from Badger Pocket Road to Prater Road. He described the factors and studies that are conducted when determining safe and reasonable speed limits. He said solely from a Transportation Engineering perspective, they are suggesting to retain the current posted speed limit of 50 MPH; posting additional warning signs at known crossing locations; deploy signage restricting the use of un-muffled compression brakes; and re-evaluating the size and placement of advisory speed limit signs in the vicinity of Murray Road. The Board asked questions and for clarification of Staff relating to the proposal.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: COURTNEY WEGNER submitted letters into the record from others in support of the speed reduction as well as information she had collected with traffic counts, times, and company trucks. She said over the years the traffic has increased significantly with truck traffic. She explained how the trucks go incredibly fast along Carroll Road and their exhaust breaks are extremely loud. **BRYAN WILLIAMS** said he has property adjacent to the proposal and encouraged the Board to at least make it a no-passing zone if they decide to reduce the speed limit to 35 MPH. **MR. FAUST** spoke in support of the proposed speed limit reduction. **RAY WEGNER** expressed concerns with the current speed and said unless you live in the area the statistics doesn't show what is really happening. He said things have changed due to a significant increase in the amount of homes in the area and encouraged the Board to approve reducing the speed limit. **JESSICA MARKUS** questioned what the process was of speed studies; requirements of tarped loads versus non-tarped loads;

and expressed concerns of large trucks not being able to come to a stop in time near her driveway when they are going 50 MPH. **CLIFF SCHJONEMAN** questioned what density was used for the County's speed study, as the number of driveways have gone up significantly. **TRACY WALTERS** explained how it is a dangerous situation when the large trucks come up over the hills at a high rate of speed as there are many driveways with children in the area. She encouraged the Board to reduce the speed limit. **MRS. FAUST** said the large trucks cannot handle the hills at a high speed before coming to the stop signs.

COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN moved to follow Staff's recommendation of placing additional signage including no use of un-muffled compression breaks and to add additional signs which reflect advising motorists to drive at a safer speed limit of 35 MPH. **COMMISSIONER OSIADACZ** seconded.

COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN explained how it was an agriculture area and there are repeat drivers in the area who know the hills and roads. He hoped the drivers would be more respectful of the residences and suggested maybe talking to the Sheriff to have some additional patrols in the area. **COMMISSIONER OSIADACZ** felt there were a lot of things to take into account and understood the concerns relating to the safety of families in the area. She said she would like to hear more information from the Public Works Department in case they have additional insight to provide the Board. She noted they have been discussing similar situations throughout the County as it continues to grow. **CHAIRMAN JEWELL** explained why he would be voting against the motion and thought there were extenuating circumstances. He said they need to somehow find a balance as Carroll Road is located in an agricultural area; as well as a mining area; and a significant increase of residences in the area. He felt lowering the speed limit was appropriate as it's a short road and the impact will be fairly limited.

Motion failed.

COMMISSIONER OSIADACZ moved to lower the speed limit on Carroll Road to 35 MPH and to post additional signage around the hill area to inform drivers of un-muffled breaks not being allowed and to direct Staff to prepare enabling documents. **CHAIRMAN JEWELL** seconded. **COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN** said he would not be supporting the motion as he was concerned with having such a short stretch of road within a 50 MPH system, that people wouldn't obey the 35 MPH speed limit. Motion carried 2-1 (Commissioner O'Brien opposed the motion).

PUBLIC HEARING

AIRPORT LEASE - GLAHN

PUBLIC WORKS

At approximately 4:35 p.m. **CHAIRMAN JEWELL** opened a Public Hearing continued from September 5, 2017 to consider a Lease for Lot H-34 &

Lot H-35 of the Kittitas County Airport Binding Site Plan to Tyler Glahn.

MARK COOK, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR reviewed a Staff Report and a proposed Lease Agreement with Tyler Glahn for property at the Kittitas County Airport Binding Site Plan.

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

LEASE AGREEMENT

TYLER GLAHN

PUBLIC WORKS

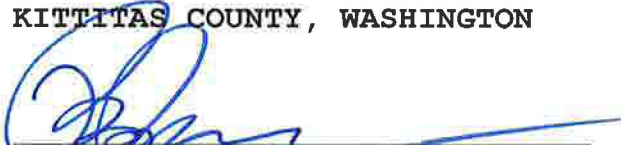
COMMISSIONER OSIADACZ moved to approve a Lease Agreement between Kittitas County and Tyler Glahn, for Lots H-34 and H-35 of the Kittitas County Airport Binding Site Plan. **COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD


Julie Kjorsvik

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Paul Jewell, Chairman