

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

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

JANUARY 5, 2021

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Ken Grannan, Airport Director; Taylor Crouch, Deputy Clerk of the Board I; Mark Cook, Public Works Director; Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board II; Chris Horner, Deputy Prosecutor; Candie Leader, Administrative Supervisor; and 4 members of the public.

This meeting was provided to the public via WebEx and they were previously notified on the Agenda as to where they could access and provide public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING

VICTOR STRAND LEASE

AIRPORT

At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** opened a Public Hearing continued from December 15, 2020 to consider Amending Victor Strand's Agriculture Lease. He noted the record was closed.

KEN GRANNAN, AIRPORT COORDINATOR provided a Staff Report and updates since the previous Public Hearing on December 15, 2020.

RESOLUTION 2021-002

VICTOR STRAND LEASE

AIRPORT

VICE-CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-002, Amending the Grazing Lease with Victor Strand, effective December 1, 2020 through November 30, 2021. **COMMISSIONER WRIGHT** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

DEFENSE & INDEMNIFICATION

PROSECUTOR

At 2:06 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** opened a Public Hearing to consider an Ordinance Adopting Kittitas County Code Chapter 2.73 - Defense and Indemnification of County Officers, Employees, and Volunteers.

CHRIS HORNER, DEPUTY PROSECUTOR reviewed a Staff Report and explained how pursuant to RCW 4.96.041, Kittitas County is authorized to implement a policy and procedure providing for the defense and indemnification of County officers, employees, and volunteers who are subject to a claim or action for damages. Kittitas County previously adopted Resolution No. 87-20, but the policy is not current, nor is it part of the County Code. He said it

would be beneficial to adopt a current defense and indemnification policy and for it to be codified.

THOSE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY: STACY HAMMOND felt the proposed Ordinance was unlawful, unethical, a fraud, and that the Board should not proceed with the Public Hearing and to continue it until next week. **THERE BEING NO OTHERS REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

ORDINANCE 2021-002 DEFENSE & INDEMNIFICATION PROSECUTOR

COMMISSIONER OSIADACZ moved to approve Ordinance No. 2021-002, Adopting Kittitas County Code Chapter 2.73f - Defense and Indemnification of County Officers, Employees, and Volunteers. **COMMISSIONER WRIGHT** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING SPECTRUM PACIFIC WEST, LLC PUBLIC WORKS

At 2:20 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WASCHSMITH** opened a Public Hearing to consider a Countywide Telecommunications Franchise with Spectrum Pacific West, LLC, an Indirect Subsidiary of Charter Communications, Inc.

MARK COOK, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR reviewed a Staff Report and said the Prosecutors office has been working with them on renewing a Franchise for Countywide Telecommunications and both parties have come to an agreement on proposed changes. The Agreement will be for ten (10) years and will be reevaluated at the end of the term.

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

FRANCHISE AGREEMENT SPECTRUM PACIFIC WEST, LLC PUBLIC WORKS

COMMISSIONER OSIADACZ moved to approve a Non-Exclusive Franchise to use County Roads, Rights-of-Way and Other County Property Within Kittitas County between Spectrum Pacific West, LLC, an Indirect Subsidiary of Charter Communications, Inc. and Kittitas County for a term of 10 Years. **COMMISSIONER WRIGHT** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

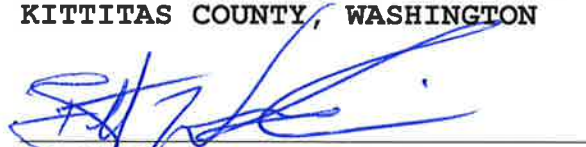
The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD



Julie Kjersvik

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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman