

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

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

MAY 18, 2021

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Mandy Buchholz, Administrative Supervisor; Jim Goeben, IT Director; Candie Leader, Administrative Supervisor; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor; Josh Fredrickson, Engineer; Mark Cook, Public Works Director; Doug Fessler, Network Administrator; Greg Zempel, Prosecutor; Liz Remeto, Finance Manager; 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

CDBG - FISH FOOD PANTRY

AUDITOR

At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** opened a Public Hearing to consider a Community Development Block Grant for community development and housing needs, inform citizens the availability of funds and eligible uses of the State Community Development Block Grant, and receive comments on proposed activities, particularly from lower income persons residing in the Kittitas County area. Up to \$900,000.00 may be available to Kittitas County on a Statewide competitive basis to fund public facility, community facility, economic development, planning and affordable housing projects that benefit low-and moderate-income persons. He said it was for the FISH Community Food Bank pantry design and renovation of an administration building.

PEGGY MORACHE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FISH COMMUNITY FOOD BANK, reviewed their grant application to the Department of Commerce for Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount up to \$900,000.00. She indicated the grant application was for a new, expanded, and improved food bank; an expanded and improved food pantry; and expanded and improved administrative spaces. She said the proposed expansion would also allow for additional employment including drivers and staffing in the warehouse.

JUDY PLESS, BUDGET & FINANCE MANAGER said she had been working with the Commissioner's Office Staff and representatives from FISH Community Food Bank on the grant application and had no concerns.

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

APPLICATION FISH COMMUNITY FOOD BANK AUDITOR

VICE-CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ moved to approve a Community Development Block Grant Application to the Department of Commerce for the FISH Food Pantry design and renovation of an administrative building, in an amount up to \$900,000.00. **COMMISSIONER WRIGHT** seconded.

The Board expressed support of the project and hoped by obtaining grant funding, it would help move the project forward. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING BLUESPAN WIRELESS, LLC PUBLIC WORKS

CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH opened a Public Hearing continued from May 4, 2021 to consider a County Wide Telecommunications Franchise with Bluespan Wireless, LLC. He noted the record was open.

MARK COOK, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR reviewed the updates that had been done to the Franchise Agreement since the previous Public Hearing including changes to the liability clause. **NEIL CAULKINS, DEPUTY PROSECUTOR** also provided information for the Board including public benefit and explained the scrivener's errors which had been corrected.

BRIAN LAIRD, LEGAL COUNSEL FOR BLUESPAN WIRELESS, LLC said they have been working with County Staff and thanked everyone for their time in getting the document prepared. **ATTORNEY ERIN ANDERSON** reviewed the differences between wireless versus cable franchises. She thanked everyone for working through the document to ensure there is consistency for everyone. **SCOTT STACE, CEO OF BLUESPAN** said they were dedicated to the area and looked forward to working with the County and allowing for additional options for their citizens.

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

JIM GOEBEN, IT DIRECTOR described portions of the proposed Agreement that did not match previous ones.

AGREEMENT BLUESPAN WIRELESS, LLC PUBLIC WORKS

VICE-CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ moved to approve a Non-Exclusive Telecommunication Franchise with Bluespan Wireless, LLC to Use County Roads, Rights-of-Way and Other County Property within Kittitas County. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** seconded.

COMMISSIONER WRIGHT said he would not be supporting the motion. He said he was a proponent of economic development but felt the Agreement had been jammed through the system and has an unclear path. **VICE-CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ** said there are rural areas that do not have sufficient wireless options and felt it was important to have accessibility to them. She felt there had been adequate time to review and discuss the Franchise Agreement and would be supporting the motion. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** said the County would be working on making the process better for the future.

Motion carried 2-1 (Commissioner Wright voted against the motion).

PUBLIC HEARING

FEE SCHEDULE

PUBLIC WORKS

At 2:47 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** opened a Public Hearing to consider adopting the proposed 2021 Kittitas County Department of Public Works Fee Schedule.

MARK COOK, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR provided a Staff Report and reviewed the proposed rate increases to their fees to capture full cost recovery. He indicated numerous permits were not currently meeting that objective and the proposed fee schedule significantly revamps the existing fee structure and targets better alignment between permit processing effort and cost.

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

RESOLUTION 2021-080

FEE SCHEDULE

PUBLIC WORKS


VICE-CHAIRMAN OSAIDACZ moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-080, Setting the 2021 Kittitas County Department of Public Works Permit Fees, effective June 1, 2021. **COMMISSIONER WRIGHT** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**


Julie Kjorsvik


Brett Wachsmith, Chairman