

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
AUDITORIUM/WEBEX
SPECIAL MEETING**

TUESDAY

6:00 P.M.

MAY 24, 2022

Board members present: Chairman Laura Osiadacz (Webex); Vice-Chairman Cory Wright and Commissioner Brett Wachsmith.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Greg Zempel, Prosecutor; Mandy Buchholz, Administrative Supervisor (Webex); Mark Cook, Public Works Director; Dan Carlson, CDS Director; Jeremy Johnston, Planning Official; Jeremiah Cromie, Staff Planner (Webex); Stephanie Hartung, Deputy Prosecutor (Webex); and 1 member of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING

NON-DOCKET CYCLE AMENDMENTS

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At 6:00 p.m. **VICE-CHAIRMAN WRIGHT** opened a Public Hearing to consider Non-Docket Cycle Amendments for Kittitas County Code Section 12, 15A, 16, and 17.

DOCKET ITEM 1:

JEREMY JOHNSTON, PLANNING OFFICIAL, reviewed Docket Item 1. He said the amendment was submitted by the Kittitas County Public Works Department and Community Development Services to Title 16 Subdivision Code section. The amendments included changes to bring the Title into conformity with State standards, clarify ambiguous sections, add a lot line encroachment option for building placement and provide an option for parcel combination for the purposes of building placement. The lot line encroachment section includes some additions to the side and rear lot line setback sections of several zoning designations in Title 17 to cite the lot line encroachment option. He went through Staff analysis and noted the Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the request, as proposed. The Board asked Staff questions and for clarification on the proposal.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: **PAT DENEEN** felt the County needed to do something with the new Critical Areas Ordinance and lot lines; boundary line adjustments; and the ability to create smaller lots within the 5-acre zones.

COMMISSIONER WACHSMITH moved to approve Docket Item 1, as presented. **CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

APPROVED

7-19-22

DOCKET ITEM 2:

JEREMY JOHNSTON, PLANNING OFFICIAL, reviewed Docket Item 2. He said the proposed item was submitted by the Public Works Department to amend Title 12 Roads and Bridges, by replacing the existing road variance committee process with an administrative process. **MARK COOK, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**, explained how they've been having trouble getting a quorum for the Variance Committee, which was the reason for the proposal. He submitted proposed changes of the committee to having the Public Works Director, Fire Marshal, or designees, and one citizen to be appointed by the County Commissioners. He explained the type of delays that had been caused by not having a quorum present. **DAN CARLSON, CDS DIRECTOR** provided some background information and how the committee is subject to appearance of fairness. **STEPHANIE HARTUNG, DEPUTY PROSECUTOR**, provided information on requirements and State law about ex-parte under quasi-judicial proceedings. **THERE BEING NO ONE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

COMMISSIONER WACHSMITH moved to approve Docket Item 2, as presented by Staff at tonight's meeting. **CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

DOCKET ITEM 3:

JEREMY JOHNSTON, PLANNING OFFICIAL, reviewed Docket Item #3. He said the item proposed by the Public Works Department was to amend Title 15A Project Permit Application process by adding the Kittitas County Hearings Examiner as the appeal body for road variance decisions issued by the Kittitas County Public Works for road variance applications.

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

COMMISSIONER WACHSMITH moved to approve Docket Item #3, as presented. **CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ** seconded Motion carried 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD



Julie Kjorsvik

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Laura Osiadacz, Chairman