

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

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

JANUARY 19, 2016

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Mickey Webb, Event Center Director; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor and 4 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE COMMISSIONERS

At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** opened a Public Hearing continued from January 5, 2016, to consider Amending Kittitas County Code Chapter 9.45, Noise Control Ordinance. He noted the record was open.

NEIL CAULKINS, DEPUTY PROSECUTOR provided a Staff Report and reviewed the suggested revisions the Board had suggested at the last Public Hearing which had been incorporated into the document. He said he had discussed the proposed language with the Undersheriff and their department did not have any problems with it. The Board gave further direction to Staff to include language limiting sounds created by construction activity from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

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

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to amend the draft Ordinance to include language as suggested and to direct Staff to prepare enabling documents to be on the February 2, 2016 Commissioners Agenda at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium. **COMMISSIONER BERNDT** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN COMMISSIONERS

At 2:16 p.m. **CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** opened a Public Hearing to consider the Kittitas and Yakima Counties Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Plan.

JIM ARMSTRONG, KITTTITAS COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE provided a history of the Kittitas and Yakima Counties Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. He said the plan was a gateway for federal funding of projects. They held public meetings, provided a 30-day public comment period and issued a call for proposals. He said the Federal government decides which projects will be funded even though there is a recommended list of priorities. Mr. Armstrong noted a

letter they received from Monica Miller, Gallery One Executive Director, requesting that the arts industry be included. It was noted that Staff would engage with them during the next round of reviewing the document.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL reviewed several typographical errors within the Plan that needed to be corrected.

CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN noted for the record that he was a previous Board member of HopeSource and that one of the projects in the plan involved that agency.

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

RESOLUTION 2016-014 REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to approve Resolution No. 2016-014, Adopting the Kittitas & Yakima Counties Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Plan, and direct Staff to correct the typographical errors within the Plan, as noted by the Board. **COMMISSIONER BERNDT** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

ADMISSIONS TAX

COMMISSIONERS

At 2:32 p.m. **CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** opened a Public Hearing that was continued from January 5, 2016 to consider a proposed Ordinance regarding Admissions Tax and Designation of Revenue. He noted the record was open.

NEIL CAULKINS, DEPUTY PROSECUTOR provided a Staff Report and draft Ordinance which would approve the Admissions Tax and Designation of Revenue. He clarified the exemptions from the tax including purchases of permits from a governmental entity including but not limited to Discover Passes, Groomed Trail Passes and Snow Park Permits; school sponsored events; and events which funds will be donated to a nonprofit organization.

THERE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: JAMIE COLSON, SUNCOUNTRY GOLF COURSE said they generally try to operate 6 months out of the year, but there are many things that can cut their season short including weather, water availability, fire season, etc. and felt it should be a shared responsibility. He noted only 20-25% of their patrons come from out of the County. **THERE BEING NO OTHERS REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to approve Ordinance No. 2016-001, Admissions Tax and Designation of Revenue. COMMISSIONER BERNDT seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD



Julie Kjorsvik

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Obie O'Brien, Chairman