

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

**TUESDAY**

**2:00 P.M.**

**DECEMBER 20, 2016**

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

Others: Judy Pless, Budget & Finance Manager; Jerry Pettit, Auditor; Lucas Huck, Engineer; Mark Cook, Public Works Director; Mickey Webb, Event Center Director; and 3 members of the public.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**AMEND COUNTY BUDGET**

**AUDITOR**

At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** opened a Public Hearing to consider amending the 2016 County Budget.

**JUDY PLESS, BUDGET & FINANCE MANAGER** reviewed a request to amend the 2016 Budget in the total amount of \$2,447,478.00 for the General Fund, Community Services, and Public Health. She said the current County Budget is \$91,778,331.00 and with the amendments the total amount would be \$94,225,809.00.

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

**RESOLUTION 2016-167**

**AMEND COUNTY BUDGET**

**AUDITOR**

**COMMISSIONER JEWELL** moved to approve Resolution No. 2016-167, Amending the 2016 County Budget in the total amount of \$2,447,478.00. **COMMISSIONER OSIADACZ** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**EVENT CENTER RATES**

**EVENT CENTER**

At 2:07 p.m. **CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** opened a Public Hearing to consider Revised Rates for the Kittitas Valley Event Center.

**MICKEY WEBB, EVENT CENTER DIRECTOR** reviewed a Staff Report and proposed rates for the Kittitas County Event Center including the Rental and Use Rates, Packages and Discounts. He said the rates had not been revised since 2013.

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

**JUDY PLESS, BUDGET & FINANCE MANAGER** questioned if the Board had considered placing a small amount of funds in reserve for building and maintenance of the Event Center. **MR. WEBB** suggested dedicating a

certain percentage of the rental rates for that fund. **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** suggested adding a policy to the enabling documents that would begin setting aside 2½% from everything across the board including rental rates, amenities, etc. and place it into a reserve fund for building and maintenance at the Event Center. He made suggestions on a few of the proposed rates including the camping rates.

**COMMISSIONER JEWELL** approved the proposed 2017 Kittitas Valley Event Center Rental and Use Rates, Packages and Discounts with amendments to the camping rates, include a fee for animal bedding, and to add a policy to set aside 2½% of all rental rates to be placed in the Event Center building and maintenance fund, and direct Staff to prepare enabling documents. **COMMISSIONER OSIADACZ** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING                      STEVE HYMAS IRRIGATION FRANCHISE                      PUBLIC WORKS**

At 2:38 p.m. **CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** opened a Public Hearing to consider a Non-Exclusive Irrigation Franchise with Steve Hymas along Sorenson Road.

**LUCAS HUCK, ENGINEER** reviewed a request from Steve Hymas for a Non-Exclusive Irrigation Franchise with Steve Hymas along Sorenson Road. He said it was for the installation of an eight inch PVC pipe for irrigation purposes through an existing failed County stormwater culvert under Sorenson Road near the intersection of South Ferguson Road. He recommended the Board approve the request from Mr. Hymas.

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

**AGREEMENT                                      STEVE HYMAS IRRIGATION FRANCHISE                                      PUBLIC WORKS**

**COMMISSIONER JEWELL** moved to approve a Non-Exclusive Irrigation Water Franchise Agreement with Steve Hymas to Use County Roads, Rights-of-Way and other County Property within Kittitas County. **COMMISSIONER OSIADACZ** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING                                      6 YR TIP & ANNUAL CONSTRUCTION                                      PUBLIC WORKS**

At 2:41 p.m. **CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** opened a Public Hearing to consider Adopting the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan for 2017-2022 and to Adopt the Annual Construction Program for 2017.

**MARK COOK, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR** reviewed the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program and Annual Construction Program for 2017.

**THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: LOU WHITFORD, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF KITTITAS** encouraged the Board to include the No. 81 Road project as she claimed it's extremely important for public safety. **DAVID ANDERSON, CITY OF KITTITAS POLICE DEPARTMENT** explained safety concerns with the area on No. 81 Road due to increased traffic from the amount of single family homes. He encouraged the Board to support the project. **CHIEF NIERMAN, CITY OF KITTITAS POLICE DEPARTMENT** said he had personally witnessed pedestrians having to go down into the ditch due to trucks or vehicles coming so close to the side of the roadway. He encouraged the Board to approve widening the shoulder for the safety of residents. **MARK CROWLEY** said he was a resident of Alpine Estates and has used the old trail that was abandoned. Although he would be in favor of the shoulder being widened, he felt but there may be other options that could be looked at including using property owned by the City of Kittitas. **THERE BEING NO OTHERS REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**RESOLUTION 2016-168      6 YR TRANSP. IMPROVEMENT PLAN      PUBLIC WORKS**

**COMMISSIONER JEWELL** moved to approve Resolution No. 2016-168, Adopting a Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan for the Years 2017-2022. **COMMISSIONER OSIADACZ** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**RESOLUTION 2016-169      ANNUAL CONSTRUCTION PLAN      PUBLIC WORKS**

**COMMISSIONER JEWELL** moved to approve Resolution No. 2016-169, Adopting the Annual Construction Program for 2017. **COMMISSIONER OSIADACZ** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD**

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

  
Julie Kjorsvik

  
Obie O'Brien, Chairman