

BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Weekly Agenda Meeting

Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at 10:00 AM

City Council Chambers, 129 North 2nd Street, Yakima, Washington

- **PRESENT:** Chairman J. Rand Elliott, Commissioner Michael D. Leita, Commissioner Kevin J. Bouchey, Legal Counsel Terry Austin, Deputy Clerk of the Board Tiera L. Girard.
- **PRESENTATION: Human Resources** (Judy Kendall Presenting): Employee Monthly Wage Increase for March 2009 (see attached)
- **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Gordon Clark – I used to be a contractor in the valley here for years. I went down and bought a Clean Air Authority burn permit a while back. You can't tell how shocked I was when it came to \$45 for a clean air burn permit. Now you can get a driver's license for \$5 a year. I also bought a concealed weapons permit from the local Sheriff's permit for \$40 for 5 years. Where did they come up with \$45 for burn permit to clean up your house, around your lot and things like that? This is a type of a government that just run amuck. I am suggesting that we are going to put in a voter's initiative to bring this down to about \$5 for a clean air permit. It shouldn't be any more than a driver's license. Now bear in mind this permit is only good for 6 months out of the year, it is only good for a half a day so to pay \$45 for that kind of a coverage to clean up your lot. It doesn't make the smoke any healthier, any better, it is not like it has been blessed or something. It is just plain old smoke and for \$45 a year this is outrageous. We have no way to elect these people; we have no way to throw them out of office, so the only thing I can think of is the initiative. Thank you very much.

Rand Elliott – The Clean Air Authority is a separate body. We are representative of there, I should probably defer to Commissioner Bouchey on this matter but I think you can carry that message and maybe even a response to Mr. Clark.

Kevin Bouchey – Yes, in fact, I am a new member but I am sitting on that Clean Air Board now. I would like to get together with you. I can convey your message for one, but also let you know when the next clean air board meeting is and invite some public comment at that time for you to give your opinion as well. If you are interested I can let you know when that date and time is.

Mike Leita – A couple of historical comments on the Clean Air Board. The Clean Air Board was formed within Yakima County principally to be a buffer between Yakima County citizens and the State Department of Ecology and the regulations that we have to contend with not only the state but the federal level. The Director of Clean Air works at the will of the Clean Air Board and at one point in time the board consisted of two county commissioners, two city representatives big and small and a citizen at large. That configuration was changed by commissioner action here about a year or two ago where now one of the commissioner seats was given to another citizen at large to get more citizen representation so your comments would be best taken to that board, which Commissioner Bouchey serves on and as he said he will work with you to get your comments heard by that board.

Rand Elliott – Mr. Clark, that is the venue to express your feelings but also to get some information and perhaps, at least hopefully, some understanding of how they come up with these numbers. They are not pulled out of thin air. There are reasons for it but I think that is probably the place to get that kind of information.

- **CONSENT ITEMS:** Approved as presented.

DEPARTMENT	RESOLUTION	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
PUBLIC SERVICES Vern Redifer, Director	Reso 197-2009	In the Matter of Negotiating a Contract for Engineering Services for a Sediment/Levee Study Consultant:	APPROVED

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PUBLIC SERVICES Vern Redifer, Director	Reso 198-2009	In the Matter of Designating an Official Representative and Alternate to be Point of Contact with Washington Military Department for the December 2008 Severe Winter Storm and Record and Near Record Snow:	APPROVED
	Reso 200-2009	In the Matter of Setting a Public Hearing Date to Consider a Notice of Abatement Issued on COD2007-00125; Abatement Address: 800 Casey Road, Toppenish:	APPROVED
	Reso 201-2009	In the Matter of Authorizing Advertisement for Bids for the Construction of Lewis Road Realignment Project; #FC 3122:	APPROVED
	Reso 202-2009	In the Matter of Granting Non-Exclusive Franchise to Zirkle Fruit Co. to Construct, Operate, and Maintain an Irrigation Line In, Along, Over and Under Guinan Loop Road in Yakima County, Washington; Franchise 11-2009:	APPROVED
	Agreement	Execute Amendment No. 1 to Professional Services Agreement with R.W. Beck for Terrace Heights Landfill Air Operating Permit Submittal Assistance:	APPROVED
COMMISSIONERS J. Rand Elliott, Chairman	Reso 199-2009	In the Matter of Reappointment of One Member to the Civil Service Commission:	APPROVED
	Minutes	Approve Regular Agenda Minutes of 2/24/09:	APPROVED
	Minutes	Approve Regular Agenda Minutes of 3/3/09:	APPROVED
	Minutes	Approve Regular Agenda Minutes of 3/10/09:	APPROVED
	Minutes	Approve Regular Agenda Minutes of 3/17/09:	APPROVED
	Minutes	Approve Regular Agenda Minutes of 3/24/09:	APPROVED
	Minutes	Approve Regular Agenda Minutes of 3/31/09:	APPROVED
	Voucher/Warrant	Certification of Claims Clearing Warrant No. 518632 through 521205 in the amount of \$4,528,03605:	APPROVED
HUMAN RESOURCES Linda Dixon, Director	Reso 184-2009	In the Matter of Additions/Changes to Budgeted Positions in Fund 115-420, Sales Tax Fund-Clerk; Fund 159, Department of Food Services and Dept. 420, Clerk:	APPROVED
FACILITIES SERVICES Brad Songhurst, Director	Reso 185-2009	In the Matter of Awarding Contract to Central Valley Glass to Replace Window Glass and Skylight Dome Covers Located at the Yakima County Detention Corrections Building:	APPROVED
	Agreement	Execute Contract with Stephens and Sons Construction for the North Basement Building Improvements Located in the Yakima County General Administration Building:	APPROVED
	Agreement	Execute Contract with Great Floors Commercial Sales to Remove and Replace Carpet in Three Elevators at the Department of Corrections:	APPROVED
OEM Jim Hall, Director	Agreement	Execute Personal Services Agreement with Active Shooter Training, LLC, to Train Local Law Enforcement Agencies on Active Shooters:	APPROVED
PURCHASING Rhonda Counts, Interim Agent	Reso 186-2009	In the Matter of Setting a Bid Opening Date for a Hot/Cold Delivery & Catering Truck for Yakima County Food Services Department:	APPROVED
	Agreement	Execute Agreement Renewal with Valley Ford Sales for Automotive Repair Services for ER&R:	APPROVED

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PURCHASING Rhonda Counts, Interim Agent	Agreement	Execute Agreement Renewal with Elliott Tire and Service for Automotive Repair Service for ER&R:	APPROVED
HUMAN SERVICES Steve Hill, Director	Agreement	Execute Affordable Housing Agreement Modification with For A Better Tomorrow; #AHA FABT 08 Mod 1:	APPROVED
	Agreement	Execute Professional Services Agreement with Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic to Expand Child Wellness Efforts for Birth to Eight; #FW PL 09:	APPROVED
	Agreement	Execute Mental Health Agreement with Catholic Family and Child Service; #CF SOMH 09:	APPROVED
ALTC Lori Brown, Director	Reso 187-2009*	In the Matter of Approving and Authorizing Director of ALTC to Sign Agreements with Res-Care Washington, Inc. (2 Agreements), Susan Garfield and Joan Carman:	APPROVED
	Agreement*	Execute Agreement with Res-Care Washington, Inc. for the Delivery of SCSA Personal Care and Respite Services:	APPROVED
	Agreement*	Execute Agreement with Res-Care Washington, Inc. for the Delivery of COPEs, Medicaid Personal Care and Medically Needy In-Home Waiver Services:	APPROVED
	Agreement*	Execute Personal Services Contract with Susan Garfield for Nurse Consulting Services:	APPROVED
	Agreement*	Execute Personal Services Contract with Joan Carman for Nurse Consulting Services:	APPROVED
	Agreement	Execute Real Property Lease with Malo Cook Enterprises for the Renewal of ALTC Administrative Office Space:	APPROVED
SUPERIOR COURT Gloria Hintze	Agreement	Execute Amendment to Interagency Agreement with Washington State Administration Office of the Courts; #IAA08324 Amendment 2:	APPROVED
COURTS Paula Davis	Agreement	Execute Agreement with Vyanet Security & Technology for Work Performed at Probation Services for Reinstallation of Wiring & Cabling of Closed Caption Camera System to Monitor day Detention:	APPROVED
	Agreement	Execute Personal Services Agreement with Younghee Kim for Interpreter Services for Yakima County Courts:	APPROVED

• **REGULAR AGENDA:** Approved as presented.

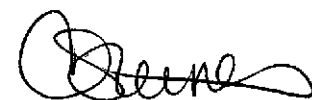
DEPARTMENT	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
SHERIFF Ken Irwin, Sheriff	Agreement	Execute Law Enforcement Assistance Renewal Agreement with the City of Mabton:	APPROVED

Approved this 28th day of April 2009.


J. Rand Elliott, Chairman


Michael D. Leita, Commissioner


Kevin J. Bouchey, Commissioner


Christina S. Steiner, Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING**

Date: April 21, 2009
Re: **PUBLIC SERVICES: SUB08-72 "THOROUGHbred ACRES"**
Time: 10:30 A.M.
Location: City Council Chambers, 129 North Second St, Yakima, Washington
Present: Chairman J. Rand Elliott
Commissioner Michael D. Leita
Commissioner Kevin J. Bouchey
Legal Counsel Terry Austin
Deputy Clerk of the Board Tiera L. Girard

Record of Proceedings

Rand Elliott – This is the time for a hearing on application for Thoroughbred Acres. The Commissioners have received this material in advance from our staff and have reviewed it. The Planning Staff and the Hearing Examiner have both recommended approval of this subdivision and with that I will invite any public comment if you wish. Hearing none the public hearing is closed.

All three Commissioners in favor of SUB08-72 for "Thoroughbred Acres".


Approved this 28th day of April 2009.



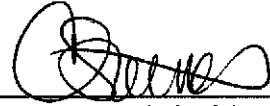
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**BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING**

Date: April 21, 2009
Re: **PUBLIC SERVICES: PERMANENT CLOSURE OF PORTION OF OLDENWAY ROAD**
Time: 10:30 A.M.
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Kent McHenry, Transportation Engineering Manager – What we have before us today is a request to close a portion of Oldenway between SR 97 and Branch Road. Let me give you a little background on how we got here. The Washington State Department of Transportation had a program a couple of years back to look at the reduction of public road railroad crossing to improve safety in the area. They approached the county and had them look at three or four different locations; this being one of them as well as two in Harrah and one in White Swan. Over the last 2 or 3 years we have done some evaluations of the possibility of closing these roadways and found that the only one that had any merit was this closure here of Oldenway. This is about 300 feet long between SR 97 and Branch Road; the major intersection of Branch Road and SR97 is just a couple hundred feet away. We had some public meetings with this a couple years ago we met out and met with all the people out at the location.

No action was taken at the time because we needed to use this as a detour route when they rebuilt the railroad crossing on SR 97. We have been kind of waiting for the last 2 or 3 years to let the Department of Transportation move forward with their project. They finished that project last fall so we resurrected this project and we had a meeting out at the church out there and invited all the residents out. We asked them if they still supported the project of closing this road and basically closing it off at SR 97. Let me take one step back. Originally the proposal was to close it off at Branch Road and abandon it so there would be no crossing here. The homeowners asked that they thought it would be safer to get access off of Branch Road as opposed to SR 97. Department of Transportation concurred and asked if we could close it off at SR 97 and basically abandon this piece of roadway to make it a private driveway coming down to their private residences. We met with them; they all agreed that it was a good idea. We have three or four letters of support for the project of abandonment of it and turning it back into a private driveway for these folks. So with the meeting and with the design, we would like to recommend the closure of Oldenway between SR 97 and Branch Road.

Rand Elliott – This is a public hearing and this is now the opportunity for public comment on this issue. Hearing and seeing none I will close the public hearing.

Mike Leita – When we are closing roads like this, I am just wondering, what type, obviously you have shared that the county interacted with the residents in the area a couple of years ago.

Kent McHenry – Yes, as well as this last January.

Mike Leita – And recently as well and I am just curious. Sometimes I am always wondering when there is no one in attendance, what forms of notification do we give in this particular area.

Kent McHenry – What we did in this particular case is the abutting homeowners, we sent a letter inviting them to a public open house at the church and invited their thoughts and ideas about what they thought about this. There was only a couple of people that showed up at that time but subsequent to that we had two or three letters that were sent back in from the abutting homeowners that said we support it, how soon can you do it?

Mike Leita – So you went through a process and amended your original proposal based upon that process.

Kent McHenry – Yes. We notified eleven property owners.

Rand Elliott – Do you post signs at an intersection like this or advertising in the paper?

Kent McHenry – No, we didn't post signs or advertise but this hearing was advertised in the paper.

Kevin Bouchey – I went up to that area when we were notified of this process and took a look and saw that there is another intersection very close to this to provide access for local efforts so it is not like they will have to travel any length to get around this intersection.

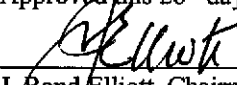
Kent McHenry – Correct. Originally a couple of years ago when this first came up the only negative comment that we had was from a gentleman that lived actually right up in that corner and he drove a motor home at the time and he liked driving around this way to come around into his driveway as opposed to trying to turn left across SR 97, so we inquired as to whether he still had a challenge with it and he has subsequently sold his motor home, he doesn't use it anymore, he actually sold it to the minister of the church where we had the meeting at, and so it is no longer an issue for him so that issue has gone away, which is the only issue that we had in the whole process.

Kevin Bouchey – I am familiar, generally speaking, with that stretch of road. It is not a high usage road.

Kent McHenry – This is not a high usage and the Department of Transportation believes that too many intersections around here creates too much confusion and accidents so the Department of Transportation was very supportive of the project to eliminate this off of SR 97. I think we still have some challenges with the Department of Transportation, I think we would like to signalize sometime the intersection of Branch Road and SR 97. We are still going down that path, we had that conversation during the railroad upgrade and we still want to continue that dialogue.

All three commissioners in favor of permanent closure of a portion of Oldenway Road.

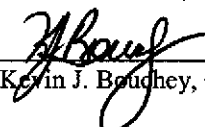
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Employee Monthly Wage Increase Report for March 2009

Step Increases				
Number of Employees	Total Monthly Amount	Average Monthly Increase	Average Value of Increase	Annualized Cost of Increase
50	\$ 6,236	\$ 125	3.21%	\$ 74,833

Longevity Increases				
Number of Employees	Total Monthly Amount	Average Monthly Increase	Average Value of Increase	Annualized Cost of Increase
1	\$ 79	\$ 79	1.43%	\$ 944
51	\$ 6,315	\$ 125	3.21%	\$ 75,777

Reclassification	
Number of Employees	
1	

Projected Budgetary Impact Effective March 2009				
Salary				63,147
Benefits				10,124
Total Projected Budgetary Impact for March 2009				73,271
Prior Months Projected Budgetary Impact				507,874
Total Projected Budgetary Impact for 2008				581,145

Benefits Include:	1/1/09-6/30/09	7/1/09-12/31/09
SSN	6.20%	6.20%
Medicare	1.45%	1.45%
Retirement	6 months 8.31%	6 months 7.93%
Unemployment	0.30%	0.30%
Total Benefits	16.26%	15.88%