

**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT AREA BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
KITTTITAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE - ROOM 109**

WEDNESDAY

5:30 P.M.

JANUARY 7, 2004

Board members present: Kittitas County Commissioners Perry Huston, Max A. Golladay, Bruce Coe; City of Ellensburg Mayor Ed Barry, Council member John Perrie; City of Kittitas Mayor Chuck Lowe; Larry Susich, City of Roslyn and Beth Marker, City of Cle Elum. The South Cle Elum representative was not in attendance.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Bruce Tabb, representing the Kittitas County Coordinated Transportation Council and approximately 20 members of the public.

At approximately 5:30 p.m., Chair of the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners Perry Huston, opened the public meeting of the Public Transportation Benefit Area Board. He explained that according to the PTBA Bylaws, a Chair and Vice-Chair needed to be elected. The floor was open for nominations for Chairman.

Ed Barry nominated Perry Huston to serve as Chairman of the PTBA. Max Golladay seconded the nomination. John Perrie moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Perry Huston to serve as Chairman of the Public Transportation Benefit Area board. Max Golladay seconded. Motion approved.

John Perrie nominated Ed Barry to serve as Vice-Chairman for the PTBA Board. Max Golladay seconded the nomination. The Chairman called for further nominations. John Perrie moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Ed Barry to serve as Vice-Chairman of the Public Transportation Benefit Area board. Max Golladay seconded. Motion approved.

Bruce Tabb, representing the Kittitas County Coordinated Transportation Council, presented a power point presentation on transportation issues for special needs (including seniors, low-income and disabled), which are not being met. He reviewed responses from a Transportation Needs Assessment Survey, which was conducted by the Central Washington Disabilities Resources. He indicated that out of 550 surveys distributed, there were 259 returned. It would cost approximately \$426,999 for a total enhance system, and could be funded by a 1/10th of 1% increase in sales tax collected throughout the county (which would generate \$427,000/year). The committee has targeted March 9, 2004 as a date

for the issue to be on the ballot. He said the issue would need to pass by a simple majority.

His final recommendation was to designate the Public Transportation Benefit Area board to a Special Needs Public Transportation Benefit Area board, and to put before the voters of Kittitas County, a proposition, which would create the funding for a Special Needs PTBA system to meet the needs of those with special needs in Kittitas County.

Max Golladay said he was encouraged by the presentation and research conducted. Chairman Perry Huston asked if the members of the PTBA were interested in pursuing the discussion of forming a Special Needs PTBA. John Perrie questioned if he had the authority to create and represent the City on another Board, without having the council's support. Perry Huston said the Board could review the Bylaws and amend the process, if necessary. He offered assistance from the County Civil Deputy Prosecutor, to determine requirements relating to process and procedural issues.

Max Golladay moved to have the respective members go back to their legislative bodies, and determine if they have the authority to move forward with the creation of a Special Needs Public Transportation Benefit Area board, and if approved, to receive instructions on how to proceed with public hearings, (whether they hold their own forum, or empower a Special Needs PTBA to hold them) and then if the issue should be placed on an upcoming ballot. Ed Barry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

John Perrie announced he would not make a recommendation on behalf of his council, unless he knows how the majority felt. Ed Barry concurred.

Max Golladay felt Bruce Tabb and other involved persons put together an informative presentation. Bruce Tabb was concerned with the amount of time they had to get a decision made, and felt six weeks may be enough time to get the information out to the public. Perry Huston said there were many outstanding issues, which would need to be addressed before any decision to place the issue on the ballot could be made. Bruce Coe expressed caution with the process, and said it should be done right from the beginning.

Bruce Coe moved to set a public meeting for Thursday January 29, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. to be held in the Commissioners Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse. Max Golladay seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ed Barry suggested inviting Mr. Don Chartock from the Department of Transportation to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

**SPECIAL NEEDS - PUBLIC
TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT AREA BOARD**

Julie A. Kjorsvik

Perry D. Huston, Chairman