

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM
SPECIAL MEETING**

WEDNESDAY

10:00 A.M.

APRIL 15, 2009

Board members present: Chairman Alan Crankovich; Vice Chairman Paul Jewell and Commissioner Mark McClain.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Judy Pless, Budget & Finance Manager; Brent Bottoms, Deputy Prosecutor; Lisa Haley, City of Roslyn Planner and Jan Korth, representing the Roslyn Revitalization Committee.

SPECIAL MEETING

HB 1386 FUNDS

COMMISSIONERS

At 10:00 a.m. Chairman Crankovich opened a special meeting to consider applications for funding as allowed by HB 1386.

Judy Pless, Budget & Finance Manager explained that in 2005 the Legislature had approved \$1.00 from every document recorded in the Auditor's office to be used for historical documents and preservation. She said the Board of County Commissioners previously approved Resolution No. 2008-43, reflecting how the County can distribute those funds. She said at the beginning of April, there was approximately \$34,310.14 available in the HB 1386 fund. She explained that any funds not used would remain and recommended that for future awards, the Board may want to indicate an end date for requests for reimbursement. She said that although the amount going into the fund has gone down recently, there have been more refinance documents being filed in the Auditors office lately due to the economy. Chairman Crankovich said he did not want to completely deplete the funds in the account, and noted there were no guarantees of funding any applications.

Brent Bottoms, representing the Kittitas County Prosecutors office, reviewed their application requesting \$5,000.00 for microfilming essential records, including coroner investigation files. He indicated they have currently leased a scanner which allows the documents to be placed in a format acceptable to the Secretary of State Archives and Records Management Division.

Lisa Haley, Planner, representing the City of Roslyn, reviewed an application for the City Hall and Library rehabilitation project. She indicated they were requesting \$5,000.00 to assist them with the project and noted they had received an award of \$798,000.00 from the

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State to assist them with Phase I of their project. Chairman Crankovich noted the County had previously appropriated funds this past year for the project.

Ms. Haley also reviewed an application request in the amount of \$5,000.00 for plaques or signs to place on properties that have been put on Roslyn's Register of Historic Places. Commissioner Jewell commented that \$5,000.00 was a lot of money for 27 plaques. Ms. Haley said although they may be a little expensive, they are fairly good size so people can easily see them on their walking tours of Roslyn.

Jan Korth representing the Roslyn Revitalization Committee reviewed their application in the amount of \$5,000.00 for storefront improvement in the historic downtown Roslyn. She said they are currently working on improvements and their main goal is for economic vitality. She said if awarded the funds, they would have a grant process to award five property owners \$1,000.00 each to use on towards improvements to their storefront buildings. She noted the grant awards would be only for materials and not labor. Commissioner Jewell said he was concerned of not having any requirements of matching funds from "for profit" businesses and would like to see that in their grant application along with more structure including conditions, what qualifications they must have and any requirements if the funds were received, etc.).

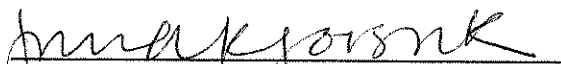
Karl Lillquist, representing the Central Washington University Geography Department, reviewed their application for \$5,000.00 which would replace missing and damaged air photos of existing 1954 collection, digitally scan existing air photos and make the entire 1954 collection freely available on the CWU Geography website. He noted Central Washington University has given them \$1,000.00 towards the project and they are also trying to obtain funds from the Yakama Nation.

The Board discussed the various application requests and projects.


Commissioner Jewell moved to approve funding from the HB1386 Funds to the following projects: Central Washington University (\$5,000.00) for the air photo acquisition project; the Kittitas County Prosecutors office (\$5,000.00) for their microfilming of essential records; and the City of Roslyn (\$5,000.00) for the Old City Hall and Library rehabilitation project and to direct staff to prepare a Resolution for the Boards consideration at the April 21, 2009 Agenda Session. Commissioner McClain seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:41 a.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD


Julie Kjorsvik

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Alan Crankovich, Chairman