

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
CLE ELUM CITY HALL
CLE ELUM VISION OFFICE
SPECIAL MEETING**

WEDNESDAY

10:00 A.M.

JULY 7, 2010

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

Others: Catherine Dunn, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Greg Zempel, Prosecutor; Patti Johnson, Solid Waste Director; Charles Glondo, Mayor, Mickey Holz, Councilman, Gregg Hall, City Administrator, Matt Morton, Community Development Director, Scott Ferguson, Police Chief, Mike Kenyon, City Attorney, City of Cle Elum.

SPECIAL MEETING

BUILDING DISCUSSION

COMMISSIONERS

At 10:15 a.m. **Chairman McClain** opened a special meeting to meet with City of Cle Elum representatives regarding a possible sharing of a building. The **Mayor of Cle Elum, Charles Glondo** apologized for being late.

Commissioner Crankovich said that no one currently on the Board of Commissioners and no one currently on the Cle Elum City Council, was in office at the time the original agreement with the City of Cle Elum, to share occupancy of a leased building. He said the original lease has been extended a number of times and will be extended again until July 20, 2011.

Chairman McClain said the lease costs \$103,000 per year. He said that money could be used for a purchase of a building.

Mayor Glondo asked what was the Counties idea? **Chairman McClain** said that owning a building jointly doesn't work for the County.

Matt Morton, City Planner, suggested owning a building together with condominium agreements to cover all eventualities.

Chairman McClain said the County doesn't own a building yet, and they haven't decided what departments to put into a building.

Commissioner Crankovich asked what was the financial position of the City? **Matt Morton** replied that the City would be able to purchase a building, but not do any of the improvements. **Gregg Hall, City Administrator**, said the City had started the bonding process.

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Scott Ferguson, Police Chief, said the City Police and the Upper District Court needed to stay together as it is crucial to the safety of court personnel.

Vice-Chairman Jewell said he saw no barriers if the City pays its share. He thought that partnering with good agreements and with no wiggle room on either side might work.

Chairman McClain said the drawbacks are the impacts and interplay between those departments in the building, for instance, a mechanical shop and the courts.

Commissioner Crankovich mentioned the extra cost of having holding cells or a jail in the building. **Scott Ferguson** said he was just thinking of a BAC (blood alcohol content) and holding facility.

Matt Morton said the City of Cle Elum is serious and has the bonding capacity to participate in the purchase of a building. **Vice-Chairman Jewell** asked if they had thought of the ramifications of moving away from the downtown core. **Mr. Morton** said with the improvements being made along Oakes St, he thought there was a sense of a link with the downtown area.

Another discussion was held on the impacts of having different departments together in one building.

Mayor Glondo asked if the City and County wished to pursue this idea further. **Vice-Chairman Jewell** asked how the City Council and citizens felt about the idea. He was told the Council opinion was favorable.

Mike Kenyon, Cle Elum City Attorney, said the City Council and Board of Commissioners needed to make a commitment; a right of first refusal or option to purchase needs to be put in place and space planners need to be hired to go over the building chosen by the two entities.

It was decided that each group would discuss the options and then the City and County would meet again to talk about specifics and proposals. **Matt Morton** said he would send a proposal to the County within the next two weeks.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Catherine Dunn

Mark McClain, Chairman