COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES  
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
STUDY SESSION  

MONDAY  
11:00 A.M.  
APRIL 28, 2003  

Those in attendance: Commissioners Max Golladay, Perry Huston, and Bruce Coe  

Others: Shannon Carlson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Erin Krake from Roslyn Library and Debby DeSoer from Cle Elum Library.  

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At 11:00 A.M. a study session was held to discuss the funding of the summer reading programs and the organization of the Regional Library Board.  

Erin Krake handed out a flyer with the information of the Summer Reading Program. The Library Board is asking for $5500.00 to fund the activities of the summer reading club. Erin explained that in the Upper County they had to move the club from the library to the school because of the response from children that joined. The programs that are done in the Upper County do not cost any money; they try to find people that will donate their time to do activities with the children. All of the City of Ellensburg’s programs cost money to have them. They have author’s come, jugglers, and other people that have charge for their activities.  

Commissioner Huston discussed different avenues of funding that the Library Board can explore. One option was grant monies through the Health Department. If they couldn’t get 100% funding through that then the Law and Justice Council may also be an options. There were also non-county agency that may have grant funding available but Erin expressed concern since this a County reading program that the money should come from a County agency. Commissioner Huston said he would call Nancy Goodloe from the Health Department and arrange a meeting with Erin to discuss the options of a grant to fund the Summer Reading Program.  

Commissioner Huston questioned why the City of Ellensburg was receiving $1000.00 and all the other libraries were receiving less. Erin said she was not sure why Ellensburg receives a larger amount, but it was something that should be discussed with the City. Erin explained that the reason for a library card charge is for those who live outside of the City limits. The library had to try and recoup the monies that were
cut from the City of Cle Elum’s budget. The City of Cle Elum cut the library funds by $5000.00; so far the library has sold 90 cards that has replaced $1800.00.

Commissioner Golladay brought up the issue of changing the resolution to increase the amount of board members from five to seven. For sure there is one vacancy on the board that needs to be replaced. If Thorp and Easton doesn't appoint anyone then two more will need to be filled. Erin told Commissioner Golladay that before the Resolution gets changed she would talk to Easton and Thorp to see if they had plans of appointing anyone to the Board. Erin would call the Commissioners Office to let Erva know how many vacancies they would have to advertise for.

At 11:45 A.M., the Study Session was adjourned.