PUBLIC HEARING
THURSDAY APRIL 1, 2004 – 6:00 P.M.
KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER’S AUDITORIUM
KITTITAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM 109

Special Needs Public Transportation Benefit Area Board

Board members present: Bruce Coe, Commissioner District #2; Max Golladay, District #1; Perry Huston, Commissioner District #3; Larry Susich, City of Roslyn; Beth Marker, City of Cle Elum; John Ferrie, City of Ellensburg; Ed Barry, City of Ellensburg. Absent: Linda Huber, City of Kittitas & Jim DeVere, City of S. Cle Elum.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board and approximately 20 members of the public.

CHAIRMAN HUSTON called the hearing to order and asked the Clerk to conduct a roll call.

The minutes were postponed for consideration until the next scheduled meeting.

ED BARRY moved to approve the agenda as presented. BETH MARKER seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

JOHN FERRIE moved to proceed with the creation of a proposal to be placed before the voters. LARRY SUSICH seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

DAVID BOWEN, COUNTY AUDITOR explained the process of placing an issue on a ballot. He said the Board of County Commissioners would need to approve a Resolution, which would direct the Auditor to place the issue on a ballot. He said if it were to be placed on a special election, it would cost between $20,000 and $24,000, but if it were placed on the primary ballot in September, it would cost between $8,500 and $10,000. LARRY SUSICH questioned if the issue were placed on the ballot, and passed by the voters, could the cities be reimbursed for the costs? He said he would need to refer to legal council to determine if the issue were approved by the voters, could the election expenses come out of the proceeds. Each governing body would need to determine if they would be willing to pay for a portion of the expense of placing the issue on a ballot, but they are not required to pay. MAX GOLLADAY was concerned with the unknown costs involved for elections this year, due to all the changes with the primary elections etc. BETH MARKER suggested getting a formal recommendation from each municipality in order to
determine if they are interested in splitting the election costs, on a per capita basis.

PERRY HUSTON moved to ask each representative to return to their respective council’s, for the purpose of discussing election costs on a per capita basis, for an election in September. MAX GOLLADAY seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

It was a consensus of the Board to have reports/presentations given by the various agencies (Elmview, City of Ellensburg, KCAC etc.) that are currently providing services, including, but not limited to, their current services, ridership numbers, and financial information. The Board felt it would help determine how the existing systems need to be modified or expanded. JOHN PERRIE expressed he was not comfortable with the individual vouchers and felt other areas should be examined as well. BRUCE TABB felt the RCW was not clear in its definition of “population” and who would be eligible for service (age, income, disability).

JOHN PERRIE suggested the first item to be on the next agenda is a report from the municipalities, to see if there was enough interest in funding an election, on a per capita basis.

Next meeting date – Thursday May 6, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commissioner’s Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse.

MAX GOLLADAY moved to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. ED BARRY seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

[Signatures]

Julie A. Rjørsvik  Perry D. Huston, Chairman