PUBLIC MEETING
THURSDAY MAY 6, 2004 – 6:30 P.M.
KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER’S AUDITORIUM
KITTITAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE - ROOM 109

Special Needs Public Transportation Benefit Area Board

Board members present: Perry Huston, Commissioner District #3; Bruce Coe, Commissioner District #2; John Perrie, City of Ellensburg; Max Golladay, Commissioner District #1; Ed Barry, City of Ellensburg; Beth Marker, City of Cle Elum. Absent: City of Kittitas; City of S. Cle Elum

CHAIRMAN HUSTON called the meeting to order and asked the Clerk to conduct a roll call of the members.

ED BARRY moved to approve the following minutes as presented: January 7, 2004; January 29, 2004; February 23, 2004; March 4, 2004; March 11, 2004; and April 1, 2004. BRUCE COE seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

CHAIRMAN HUSTON reviewed the potential election expenses. He asked for reports from the cities respective councils relating to funding a portion of those expenses. The City of Ellensburg felt it was a good project however, they could not support funding the election, due to the many “unknowns” of the project and its expenses. The City of Roslyn said they’d agree to pay for their share of the election costs, if the proposal was approved first by its council. The City of Cle Elum supported the project as well, but did not approve funding a portion of the election. They could not commit without having a complete plan in place to review. The City of Kittitas submitted a letter stating they would not fund a portion of the election costs. DAVID BOWEN, COUNTY AUDITOR reviewed what the ballots may look like in the fall and said the costs associated with it, may be increased as much as three times their normal amount. JOHN PERRIE explained how funds could be raised privately. BRUCE TABB said he would like the opportunity to try and raise the funds privately.

BRUCE COE questioned if there were ways of combining efforts between agencies without additional expense to the citizens. CHAIRMAN HUSTON reminded everyone, that it was ultimately up to the SNPTBA Board on how the money is spent, if a project was approved by the voters. BETH MARKER felt it would be beneficial to go through the complete process in order to build a “product”, but said additional time and discussions were needed.

DON DAVIS explained how the City of Ellensburg was not insured for their volunteers at the Senior Center to drive their vans, and with budget cuts, they can only be used 16 hours a week.
LIZ WHITAKER reviewed the Head Start/ECAP transportation programs. She said their needs were being met, but noted their vehicles could not be used to transport children in wheelchairs. MATT FADDICH, KCAC TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR reviewed their transportation program, and said there were many regulatory issues which limited their options. CHAIRMAN HUXTON asked if the funding sources were available, what would they do to supplement the services they have currently? He would like to see them do a zero based budget. BETH MARKER said she would like to know how much downtime the vehicles have, the associated fixed costs, what assets are available, and the various funding sources. BRUCE TABB, REPRESENTING ELMVIEW provided information of their transportation program. He said they also had restrictions driven by certain funding sources. He provided copies of the National Demonstration of a Rural Employment Transportation Voucher Model: "Placing Control in our Hands", and a 2002 cost comparison report for the rural transportation systems.

BRUCE COB moved to continue the meeting to Thursday June 3, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse, Ellensburg, to receive a progress report on the solicitation of private funds. MAX GOLLADAY seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

Julie A. Kjorsvik

Perry D. Huston, Chairman