Board members present: Chairman Alan Crankovich, Vice-Chairman David Bowen; Commissioner Mark McClain.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Dawn Bass, Upper Kittitas County Youth Activities Program.

REPORT

Dawn Bass from the Upper Kittitas County Youth Activities Program reported that approximately 168 youth in the Upper County were served this past year, with funding assistance from the County. They reviewed their recent fundraising activities throughout this past year. She provided a breakdown of where their funds were obtained including donations (car wash, bake sales, grants, etc.), as well as their expenses. She said some of their expenses have gone to obtaining a special type of insurance to run the program, fees for activities, supplies, meals and transportation. She said they have received fundraising opportunities from groups such as JUMP and assistance with the KXL Home Show in Ellensburg. She said all volunteers are required to go through a background check (last year they had 23 volunteers).

Dawn said they are requesting $5,000.00 from the County each year, over the next three years. Currently, they have approximately $3,000.00 in their account from the fundraising and grants obtained. She indicated they currently contract through the Easton School District for transportation services, because there are approximately 60-80 kids that go to activities.

She reported there are a lot of kids who went through the program themselves and have now graduated and are giving back to the program through volunteering their time. She invited the Board to come up and experience the kids and activities.

Commissioner McClain asked that they begin thinking of ways that the program will not become dependent on County funds. Dawn said it was their intention to become independent.

Chairman Crankovich suggested creating a three year contract dedicating $5,000.00 each year. He said he would like to see an annual update of where they are at with a little more detail on how they are beginning to support themselves. He asked that she check with the County prior to the beginning of the year, to ensure the funding will be there. Commissioner McClain suggested dedicate funding $7,500 for the first year, $5,000 the second and $2,500 the third year.
Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Julie A. Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board

Alan Crankovich, Chairman