MONDAY 11:00 A.M. JULY 30, 2007

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

Others: Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Judy Pless, Budget & Finance Manager; Jerry Pettit, County Auditor; Don Anderson, Deputy Prosecutor.

PUBLIC HEARING HEIN & HEIN LEASE COMMISSIONERS

At approximately 11:00 a.m. CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH opened a public hearing to receive comments on a proposed amendment and renewal of a lease between Hein & Hein Enterprise, LLC and Kittitas County for the building located at 700 East First Street, Cle Elum, Washington.

CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH reviewed a staff report and indicated that on July 30, 2002, Kittitas County entered into a Lease with Hein and Hein Enterprises, LLC for the building located at 700 East First Street, Cle Elum, Washington. He indicated that the purpose was to use the building as the location for the Upper District Court. He stated that the current Lease expires on July 31, 2007, and the proposal is to amend and extend the Lease for three years expiring on July 31, 2010 reflecting the rental rate increase identified. He explained that he had met with the representatives from Hein and Hein Enterprises, LLC to ask them to consider extending the Lease for three years and to present to the Board the terms that would be necessary.

THERE BEING NO ONE IN ATTENDANCE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

COMMISSIONER BOWEN moved to approve Board signature on the amended and renewed Lease with Hein & Hein Enterprises, LLC beginning on July 31, 2007 – July 31, 2010. CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

SET PUBLIC HEARING INCREASEING RURAL COUNTY SALES TAX AUDITOR

At approximately 11:04 a.m. CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH opened a public hearing to consider setting a public hearing on July 30, 2007 to consider increasing the rural county sales and use tax for economic
development from .08% to .09% as authorized by E2SSB 5557, effective August 1, 2007. He indicated that the tax rate increase will not increase the amount of tax collected from consumers.

JUDY PLESS, BUDGET & FINANCE MANAGER reviewed a staff report and stated that the Governor signed E2SSB 557 to increase the rural county sales and use tax used for economic development from .08% to .09%. In order to receive the increase, she indicated the County needed to adopt an ordinance or amend their prior ordinance to increase the tax rate for this purpose. She stated that this tax rate will not increase the amount of tax collected from consumers, rather the tax rate increase will increase the amount credited against the stated’s sales tax. She stated the establishment of this tax was created by Resolution 1998-45 and the Prosecutor has recommended that this be readdressed and adopted by ordinance. She indicated having an ordinance drafted and stated it had been reviewed by the Prosecutor.

THERE BEING NO ONE IN ATTENDANCE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

ORDINANCE NO. 2007-23 RELATING TO TAXATION

COMMISSIONER BOWEN moved to approve Ordinance No. 2007-23, relating to taxation; adding a new chapter to the Kittitas County code thereby codifying the distressed County sales and use tax and imposing an additional sales and use tax to be credited against the state tax for purposes of financing public facilities. CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 11:07 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD                        KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
                                                KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Mandy Robinson                                      Alan Crankovich, Chairman