COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS AUDITORIUM
SPECIAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY  10:00 A.M.  JANUARY 9, 2008

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

Others: Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Judy Pless, Budget and Finance Manager; and fifteen members of the public.

SPECIAL MEETING  HOTEL MOTEL TAX DISBURSEMENT  COMMISSIONERS

At approximately 10:00 a.m. CHAIRMAN MCCLAIN opened a special meeting to review applications for the Hotel Motel Tax fund disbursement. JUDY PLESS, explained that there is $50,000.00 available for distribution. The Board received copies of all applications prior to the meeting for their review. The Board received feedback from each applicant on what they intended on doing with the money and how they have used it in previous year’s disbursements.

The Commissioners went through the list and ranked the requests on how much they contribute to bringing in attendance to local business & tourism. They also looked at if projects needed all funding requested or if they could manage with just a portion. After careful consideration the funds were distributed as follows:

Cle Elum Roslyn Chamber of Commerce  $12,600
Western Art Association  $2,000
Cle Elum Roslyn Mtn Sled Run  $4,000
Snoqualmie Pass Music Festival  $900
Kittitas County Historical Society  $2,400
Ellensburg Rodeo Hall of Fame Ascc.  $5,000
Cle Elum Downtown Association  $5,000
Cascade Rail Foundation  $6,000
Clymer Museum of Art $2,400
High Country Artists $3,000
Roslyn Revitalization $2,000
Thorp Mill Historic Preservation Society $1,560
Friends of the Trail $0
City of Kittitas Police Dept (Kittitas Car Show) $0
City of Kittitas Police Dept (Whiskey Dick Traffic Control) $0
Total $46,860.00

CHAIRMAN MCCLAIN stated he really appreciated all that the Friends of the Trail does and realizes that their hard work goes unnoticed at times. He also noted that if we didn’t have them doing all their hard work we would definitely see a drastic difference on the trails etc… that they work on. COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH stated that although the City of Kittitas Police Departments work is needed at the Car Show and Whisky Dick Traffic control, they do not qualify for the funding. JUDY PLESS stated Commissioner Crankovich was correct.

CHAIRMAN MCCLAIN motioned to strike from funding requests: Friends of the Trail, City of Kittitas Police Department (Kittitas Car Show Traffic Control), & City of Kittitas Police Department (Whisky Dick Traffic Control), as they do not qualify for funding. COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH moved to grant funding in the amount of $46,860.00, stating this amount reflected the amended amount for request #1 originally $16,100.00 dropped to $12,600.00. COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH also noted the amt was different with the Friends of the Trail, City of Kittitas Police Department (Kittitas Car Show Traffic Control), & City of Kittitas Police Department (Whiskey Dick Traffic Control), being pulled, because they did not qualify. CHAIRMAN MCCLAIN seconded. Motion carried 2-0. The Board directed staff to prepare a Resolution for the January 15, 2008 Agenda to formalize their action.

Chairman McClain motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.