Board members present: Chairman Mark McClain, Commissioner Alan Crankovich, Commissioner Linda Huber.

Others: Debbie Myers, Deputy Clerk of the Board.

SPECIAL MEETING UPPER COUNTY CITY PARKS IMPROVEMENT FUND REQUEST BOCC

At approximately 11:30 a.m. Commissioner McClain opened the Special Meeting to consider an Upper County City Parks Improvement Funding Request.

Commissioner Crankovich said he had received two requests for park improvement funding from the Upper County. One was for $150,000 from Cle Elum and one was for $30,000 from the City of South Cle Elum. South Cle Elum would like to use the funds to replace old rickety equipment at the Fireman’s Park. Commissioner Crankovich noted they have not asked for funds before and if possible he would like to support their request. He said they would have to go through a bid process and that basically we would be purchasing the equipment and furnishing materials but they would have to build it.

Commissioner Huber asked about the history of park improvement funds. Commissioner Crankovich gave an overview of the requests that had been awarded for various park improvements from the last few years.

There was discussion on REET funds and setting up a process for applying for park funds where entities could only apply for funds every few years.

There was also discussion on how the curtain wall replacement to the Courthouse would affect funding available for parks.

Commissioner Crankovich volunteered to check with Judy Pless about REET funds availability and to tell South Cle Elum to present a proposal. It was decided not to pursue the Cle Elum request at this time as they have received funds in the past and funds available at this time are limited.

OTHER BUSINESS
Commissioner Huber said space is not an issue with 4H this year and that animal numbers are down across the board. She also said they are looking at replacing a water fountain and moving a drain. She hoped they would complete this before the pavement put down. There was also a request to have a concrete pad poured for the scales.

Commissioner McClain asked who owns the buildings on the north side of the fairgrounds near Western Town. There was discussion on using these buildings for Fair and to house the WSU Extension office.

Commissioner Huber questioned the buildings construction and what use it was rated for.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.