Board members present: Chairman Alan Crankovich; Vice-Chairman Paul Jewell. ABSENT-Commissioner Mark McClain.

Others: Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor and 1 member of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING VALLEY ESPRESSO LEASE COMMISSIONERS

At approximately 1:30 p.m. CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH opened a public hearing to consider an assignment of a lease agreement with JK Marshall, LLC owners of Valley Espresso to Desi Stewart for property located at 409 N. Ruby Ellensburg, WA 98926 (Map Number: 17-18-02050-1209).

DESI STEWART expressed her desire to purchase the business of Valley Espresso. She indicated that she had met with Neil Caulkins today to review the lease one more time and get some questions answered and things clarified. She submitted for the record a letter requesting her desire to get the process going to extend the lease noting it would be expiring in August of 2009. She explained she would like to extend the lease for another two years.

The Board indicated they had no concerns to extend the lease and to work with staff to get that process going.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: THERE BEING NO ONE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

Neil Caulkins reviewed and clarified the terms of the lease expiration terms and the history.

Commissioner Jewell questioned the letter from the previous lessee's noting their intention is to find another buyer of the business, at which point they can repay all of their debts. Commissioner Jewell questioned if they had made good on their outstanding debt to the County, indicating that the business had been closed since September of 2008. Commissioner Jewell questioned if that was something the Ms. Stewart would become responsible for.
Neil Caulkins explained that Ms. Stewart is not responsible for any outstanding debts.

Commissioner Jewell moved to approve Chair Signature on a Lease Assignment from the Marshall’s to Ms. Desi Fay Stewart as presented. Chairman Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 1:38 p.m.