TUESDAY 1:30 P.M. MAY 12, 2009

Board members present: Chairman Alan Crankovich, Vice-Chairman Paul Jewell and Commissioner Mark McClain.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board and Zera Lowe, Deputy Prosecutor.

PUBLIC HEARING DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY - NANUM COMMISSIONERS

At 1:30 p.m. Chairman Crankovich opened a public hearing continued from May 6, 2009 to consider the disposition of surplused property located at 503 North Nanum Street, Ellensburg, Washington (Map Number 17-18-02055-1007) pursuant to Kittitas County Ordinance No. 2009-04. He noted the record was open.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL reported that he has been actively involved regarding negotiations with Skip Mynar from Alcohol Drug Dependency Services (ADDS). He indicated there is a standing offer which was presented to the Board in a special meeting of a $50,000.00 cash offer and the Board directed him to counter offer with $70,000.00. According to ADDS, they will hold to the $50,000.00 and asked for a decision by the Board as they are not interested in another offer. There was a Market Analysis obtained by Bob Hanson and he provided an opinion for a fair market value between $90,000.00 and $95,000.00.

COMMISSIONER McClaIN questioned why ADDS was not interested in the reversionary language drafted by the Prosecutors office to ensure they would continue to operate their services. COMMISSIONER JEWELL said he had spoken with Mr. Mynar regarding a conveyance clause with no money in exchange for services, but also include reversionary language and that is when he said that took it off the table for them. He questioned how the public interest would be protected?

COMMISSIONER McClaIN noted how the County tried to work with ADDS first to try and turn the house into a drug court home for those coming out of treatment, and he was disappointed that they had come so far and so long, without being able to come to an agreement. He said ADDS opportunity may have been missed. COMMISSIONER JEWELL acknowledged that ADDS had put a lot of time and effort as well and hopes something good will eventually come out of it. COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH said he was disappointed with the response received today from Skip Mynar. He said the property had been purchased for $74,100.
nearly 15 years ago, so the $78,000.00 counter offer is more than fair.

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

ZERA LOWE, DEPUTY PROSECUTOR gave the Board options for the circumstance including going out to auction, and noted that ADDS may choose to participate in that process. She said the property had previously been declared surplus to the County’s needs and there is no timeline to dispose of it. CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH said he would be open to consider any other counter offers.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to reject the offer from ADDS in the amount of $50,000.00 and to notify them of the Boars action. CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH seconded.

COMMISSIONER McClAIN suggested continuing the public hearing because there would be more expense to close it and have to republish another notice. Motion carried 3-0.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL suggested leaving the public hearing open until end of month and convey that information to ADDS and if the Board has not heard any response from them, they could close it at that time. COMMISSIONER McClAIN said it may be in the best interest to public to renotice it only considering the expense of having to do it.

CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH moved to continue the public hearing to May 19, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. for possible consideration of any other offer. COMMISSIONER McClAIN seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

Julie A. Kjorgvik

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Alan Crankovich, Chairman

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