SPECIAL MEETING  ROLLINGER ROCK COLLECTION  COMMISSIONERS

At 10:00 a.m. Chairman Jewell opened a Special Meeting to discuss the Agreement between Kittitas County and the Kittitas County Historical Society for the Rollinger Rock Collection. The current agreement is in the amount of $300.00 per month and is scheduled for a five year review by January 1, 2012.

Judy Pless, Budget & Finance Manager, said the Rollinger Rock Collection was rather large, and valuable which must remain intact.

Chairman Jewell said although he supports the museum, it is hard to justify continuing to pay $300.00 per month to house a rock collection, while the County could potentially face employee layoffs or use the money to support the economy. He questioned if the collection could be stored in locked cases at the Armory. Ms. Pless asked if there was ever an appraisal done on the collection. Chairman Jewell questioned if there had ever been an inventory done. He also wondered if the County had the ability to donate the collection to the Historical Society, as long as they would be willing to accept them. If they were donated, there could be a clause which would have a caveat that if they were to ever not want them any longer, they would come back to the County.

Commissioner O'Brien moved to send notification to the Kittitas County Historical Society, notifying them of the County’s intention to terminate the Agreement for the Rollinger Rock Collection, effective January 1, 2012 and to notify Matt Anderson to prepare to transfer the collection to a secure location before that date. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

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