

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM
SPECIAL MEETING**

TUESDAY

11:00 A.M.

JANUARY 31, 2012

Board members present: Chairman Alan Crankovich, Vice-Chairman Obie O'Brien and Commissioner Paul Jewell.

Others: Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Keith Eslinger, Museum Board Member; Sadie Thayer, Museum Curator; Judy Pless, Budget and Finance Manager; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor.

SPECIAL MEETING

ROLLINGER ROCK COLLECTION

COMMISSIONERS

At 11:00 a.m. Vice-Chairman O'Brien opened a Special Meeting to discuss the future of the Rollinger Rock collection. He indicated that Chairman Crankovich would be joining the meeting shortly.

Commissioner Jewell stated that a contract had been sent from the Museum to the Rollingers for their review. Keith Eslinger, Museum Board Member stated that there is some misunderstanding between the Rollingers and the Museum. He felt they were not understanding that the contract sent to them for review was going to break the contract that was with Kittitas County entirely, and enter into one between the Museum and the Rollingers. He explained that the Museum is more than happy to take the rocks, but were concerned about the cases that currently house them. He explained that they belong to the County and the Museum would like to have them for the collection to remain in.

There was brief discussion on the e-mail exchanges between the Rollingers regarding the contract for their review and the new details of the contract.

Commissioner Jewell suggested the Museum negotiate with the Rollingers and report back to the County will work on terminating the current contract. He indicated that a copy of the current contract would be sent to the Prosecutors office for review by the end today. He explained that the County is happy to be transferring the collection over to the Museum and dissolving their ties to the collection.

Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor explained that at his first review the contract language and indicated that the County is the owner of the collection and therefore there is no need to negotiate with the Rollingers. He stated that there is no reversionary clause. He discussed the need for a Quit Claim Deed and explained that he would

look further into the contract details in order to draft language removing the County's tie to the Collection.

Commissioner Jewell felt out of courtesy, the County should keep the family informed of the direction of how things are going.

The Board directed staff to schedule a follow up meeting for two weeks out.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Mandy Robinson


Alan Crankovich, Chairman