COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM
SPECIAL MEETING

TUESDAY 11:30 A.M. MAY 8, 2012

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

Others: Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Mr. David Reynolds, Clinic Rep.

SPECIAL MEETING SPACE REQUEST/MORRIS SORENSON COMMISSIONERS

At 11:30 a.m. Chairman Crankovich opened a Special Meeting to hear a request from Mr. David Reynolds for use of space at the Morris Sorenson Building. He stated that Mr. Reynolds had requested consideration after the selected County offices/departments have been moved to the Armory.

Mr. David Reynolds explained how his clinic works and the difference between his clinic and similar clinics in the community. He reviewed the history of the clinic and the type of clientele generally seen. He explained the need for space and an actual administrative office space instead of running the office out of his home. He stated that over the past few years the clinic has continued to expand and there are increasing challenges with the way things are set up currently being so spread out. He discussed the desire of the clinic to have a centralized office which would enable them to provide better service to their clients and allow them to be better organized. The Board questioned what the level of foot traffic would be in the building due to the office being located in a County facility which deals with its own foot traffic.

Commissioner Jewell expressed his personal beliefs on the importance of the County staying away from a “renting/leasing” business. He felt it was unfair for private businesses that make their living doing that line of work. He reviewed his understanding of the Boards intent to slowly work to entirely vacate the Morris Sorenson building. He reviewed the struggles the County has with the building being old and the extremes of heat and cooling as well as unreliable power outlets, etc. He stressed his feelings on taking business away from private businesses that make their living renting spaces.

David Reynolds reviewed the other locations he has considered and toured.

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Commissioner O'Brien questioned if they had looked into space with Hopesource or Aspen as they work with similar clientele.

The Board discussed their immediate concerns, mainly about competing with the private sector, but indicated that if the clinic was unable to find anything reasonable for an office space then Mr. Reynolds was invited to return to the Board with a detailed plan and discuss possible options.

Mr. Reynolds reviewed the numbers of increased clientele over the past few years and the types of doctors and specialists the clinic has working with them and the array of services they provide.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.