Board members present: Vice-Chairman Paul Jewell and Commissioner Gary Berndt. Excused: Chairman Obie O'Brien.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board.

At 4:00 p.m. Vice-Chairman Jewell opened a Special Meeting to consider a draft letter in support of the KEEN project.

Vice-Chairman Jewell described who the Kittitas Environmental Education Network (KEEN) was and their proposed project for a Yakima River Canyon Scenic Byway Interpretive Center. They have secured a grant from the Federal Highways Administration through the Scenic Byway grant program. He indicated the draft letter had been created by Jill Arango, of Forterra and that it needed some revisions before the Board's consideration. Commissioner Berndt asked what the County's role would be with the project. Vice-Chairman Jewell said the County may have to be the recipient of the grant and therefore would own the facility and lease it to KEEN. Commissioner Berndt expressed concerns with what would happen with the building, etc. if KEEN no longer existed in the future.

Vice-Chairman Jewell offered to make changes to the draft letter of support and bring it back before the Board at a later date.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.