Chairman O’Brien opened a Special Meeting to discuss options and direction regarding a proposed UGA Interlocal Agreement with the City of Ellensburg.

Chairman O’Brien reviewed the City and County history of trying to come to an agreement and the UGA requirements. He stated that the County’s goal is to come up with a proposed agreement and then present it to the City Council at a Joint Special Meeting.

Commissioner Jewell presented the Board with Exhibit “E”. He provided the history of the document and why it was initially created. He indicated that if the exhibit was to be adopted they would eventually propose the Agreement to the surrounding cities of Kittitas County.

Kirk Holmes, Public Works Director/Building Official discussed the possibility of obtaining a 3rd party negotiator to aid the two jurisdictions in coming to an “agreement”.

Chairman O’Brien stated that he wants the Joint Meeting televised with the City. He stated that it is important for the citizens to see where the efforts are being made and to be involved in the process of what the County is working on with the City.

Commissioner Jewell questioned what they are asking for if they obtain a Joint Meeting with the City Council. He expressed the importance of the Exhibit E document and encouraged the Board to not abandon it.

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There was discussion on whether or not the County should pursue working on a different route and work on an agreement with another city (Cle Elum, Roslyn, Kittitas), prior to the City of Ellensburg.

The Board directed the Chairman to draft a letter requesting a Joint Meeting with the City of Ellensburg and attach the discussed documents so they know what the County is proposing to be considered. They stated that the meeting request letter should be for consideration for Board signature on Monday July 22, 2013 during the Office Admin Meeting at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.