

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS AUDITORIUM
SPECIAL MEETING**

THURSDAY

11:00 A.M.

NOVEMBER 8, 2007

Board members present: Chairman Alan Crankovich; Vice-Chairman David Bowen & Commissioner Mark McClain.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Erin Black, Kittitas County Historical Museum; Keith Eslinger, Member of the Kittitas County Historical Museum Board and a representative from the Yakima Herald Republic.

PUBLIC MEETING

HISTORICAL MUSEUM - HB 1386

COMMISSIONERS

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Crankovich called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Bowen explained he had attended a meeting where discussions were here relating to the expenditures of House Bill 1386. Erin Black explained representatives from non-profit groups involved in history, museums and historic preservation, proposed that Kittitas County would develop a grant program to disperse funds collected under HB 1386. She presented a draft grant program including criteria, grant categories, evaluation of applications. She said the committee would then make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners so they could make the final determination on awarding the grant applications.

Chairman Crankovich said the County already has numerous committees in place, in which they have difficulty filling those positions. He suggested they be in charge of forming their own committee and getting members to sit on it, and then make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners. Ms. Black said they would be willing to put together a committee. She distributed a copy of information obtained from the County's Budget & Finance Manager listing the collections and disbursements. He did not know if 100% of the funds should be allocated to only one group at this time and would like additional information before any determination was made. Commissioner McClain said he would like to see examples of what types of projects would be submitted.

Mr. Eslinger explained they were looking for some type of direction from the Board, noting they were not trying to compete with the County, and

that any amount of funding assistance would be appreciated.

The Board suggested examples of what types of projects they may be requesting to be funded such as climate control for storage, archival storage boxes etc. Commissioner Bowen said he was concerned with the listing of preservation "planning", stating they would need to be prepared to defend that type of activity. He felt the priorities would be to preserve collections and collections management.

The Board gave instructions to Ms. Black to put together a committee with representatives they feel appropriate and to contact the Commissioners office in 2008 to request setting a public hearing to consider proposals for use of the HB 1386 funds. The Board noted that they would have the ability to amend the budget next year once a structure has been determined.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Julie A. Kjorsvik

Alan Crankovich, Chairman