

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

THURSDAY

1:30 P.M.

JULY 28, 2011

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Matt Morton, Cle Elum City Manager; Charles Glondo, City of Cle Elum Mayor.

SPECIAL MEETING

UPPER DIST. COURT BLDG.

COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Jewell opened a Special Meeting at 1:30 p.m. to discuss the payment due from the lease with the City of Cle Elum, where the Upper District Court and City of Cle Elum Police are housed. He indicated the Commissioners previously sent a letter to the City of Cle Elum requesting payment to the County for back rent in the amount of \$160,320.00. He said the last time they talked with the City they indicated they would pay the County no later than the end of July and once that was paid, the County would consider extending their lease until the end of December. He said he had previously held a discussion with Mr. Morton and Mr. Glondo and they indicated they were going to pay the County with the sale proceeds of the old hospital, however the sale will not be closing until the end of September.

Mr. Morton indicated the sale is scheduled to close on September 30, 2011, and requested to delay the payment until the sale closes at that time. He said if the County did not want to extend the timeline, he offered an option of placing the County as a lien holder on the purchase and sale agreement, if it gave the Board any reassurance.

Commissioner Crankovich said he was not too worried about placing the County as a lien holder, but noted Mr. Morton had previously referred to either the County being paid out of the proceeds of the sale or even taking it out of their reserves. Commissioner Jewell felt the Board had made it very clear that they wanted payment regardless of the sale. He expressed concerns that if something happened to the sale and it didn't go through at the end of September, how would they pay the County. Mr. Morton said he cannot promise or guarantee anything, as it is the City Council's decision of where the money comes from, but he does know they want the debt paid as well. Commissioner Jewell said regardless of what happens with the sale, the County must get paid. Mr. Morton said that is his intention as


well, but the council has to tell him where to take the money out of. Their decision was clear that once the sale clears, a check would be issued immediately to the County. Commissioner Crankovich said he was in favor of extending the deadline to the end of September, but if the sale were to fall through the County must be paid in full no later than December 31, 2011. Commissioner O'Brien questioned when the police department would be moving. Mr. Morton said they have options of places to go, but are waiting on the sale, as they do not want to move twice. He noted they would be out of the building by the end of December for sure. Commissioner Jewell expressed again that he was very concerned and that the agreement is now even weaker than it was and felt the City was somehow backtracking. Mr. Morton said he would be asking for direction from the City Council next Tuesday night and will advise the County as of their action.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD


Julie Kjorsvik

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Paul Jewell, Chairman