

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

**WEDNESDAY**

**3:00 P.M.**

**JANUARY 9, 2008**

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

Others: Louis Musso III, Howard Carlin, Noah Goodrich, Nick Henderson, Delores LeVesque, Deputy Clerk of the Board Debbie Myers.

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**RAIL DISTRICT**

**COMMISSIONERS**

At approximately 3:00 p.m. Vice-Chairman Crankovich opened a special meeting to discuss Rail Service in Kittitas County.

Louis Musso stated the general election campaign was based on no cost to the county. He advised the Cle Elum Downtown Association is prepared to offer their services in a volunteer capacity to look into means of funding to go forward with the passenger rail service. They are also willing to start a coalition to be part of the process.

Commissioner Bowen asked about the Cle Elum Downtown Association. Louis Musso replied that it is set up similar to the City of Ellensburg's Downtown Association with CTED. They have to have a work plan and outline that CTED approves. Commissioner Bowen stated they would need a Resolution approving Cle Elum Downtown Association to do research and put a coalition together to study implementing a passenger rail service in the County.

Chairman Crankovich stated he didn't see a problem putting a Resolution together acknowledging Cle Elum Downtown Association's part in the study. He will work on the Resolution and have legal staff review it. He said we will try to have it for the February 5<sup>th</sup> Agenda Meeting.

There was discussion on possible funding from the Legislation. Commissioner Bowen stated he would be willing to go to Olympia and present the request for funding at the Legislation Session.

Louis Musso presented the Board with a copy of the Federal Railroad Administration's Railroad Corridor Transportation Plans Guidance Manual.

There was discussion on a possible depot site in Cle Elum and how it might impact other organizations.

Noah Goodrich from Encompass said if there was anything they could do they let them know. They would like to help see the rail service go through.

Meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

**DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD**

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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**Debbie G. Myers**

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**Mark McClain, Chairman**