

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

**THURSDAY**

**11:00 A.M.**

**DECEMBER 22, 2011**

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

Others: Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Curtis Bull, Museum Board Member; Sadie Thayer, Museum Curator; Nancy Lopez (by phone), Rollinger Rock collection Representative; Mike Johnston, Daily Record.

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**SPECIAL MEETING**

**ROLLINGER ROCK COLLECTION**

**COMMISSIONERS**

At 11:00 a.m. Chairman Jewell opened a Special Meeting to discuss the future of the Rollinger Rock collection. He introduced the members of the room to Ms. Lopez (by-phone).

Commissioner Jewell explained that the Board has been considering changes with the housing of the Rollinger Rock collection. He explained that a great deal of the reason behind the changes are funding based. Commissioner Jewell reviewed the details of the Agreement the County made regarding the rock collection, noting that it was signed back in 1974. He explained that the County has been dealing with a lot of budget cuts and this funding is something that has been considered for the past few years. He stated that he and Ms. Lopez had a previous conversation and noted that she had indicated there would be some potential for more flexibility with the rock collection agreement.

Nancy Lopez, representing the Rollinger Family explained her family's desire to keep the collection on display. She felt there are options to allow for more flexibility so that everyone is happy. Sadie Thayer, Museum Curator indicated that the museum is interested in keeping some of the collection, but due to space needs they can't accommodate the entire display. She explained that the museum tries to rotate the collection from time to time so that visitors have the opportunity to view all of it. She indicated that they are only able to display about 40% and 60% of the collection remains in storage. Curtis Bull, Museum Board member felt the university would be a good fit to house some of the collection. Commissioner Jewell proposed splitting up the collection so that some of it would be housed at the university, assuming they agree to take it on and then have the Museum continue to display a portion of the collection, and finally have the remaining portion of the collection displayed at the Fairgrounds in the Armory where they are having display cases built

specifically for the collection. He stated that would allow the rocks to remain on display in the community.

Ms. Lopez stated that she felt the collection would be a great student project for geology students at the university. She expressed reservations about the collection being at the Armory, because she didn't think there would be adequate staff to handle questions from the public. Commissioner Crankovich suggested informational boards be posted and details of where to go to see the rest of the collection and speak with experts regarding the collection.

Commissioner Jewell suggested that the County make contact with Central Washington University (CWU) to see if they would be interested in exchanging services. Mr. Bull felt the museum could continue to house the collection in the interim while negotiations are taking place. Commissioner Jewell indicated that once the County finds out if the University is on board, the County will draft an updated agreement and get it to the Rollinger family for consideration. Commissioner Jewell stated he would make contact with Dr. Wayne Quirk (CWU) and then schedule a follow up meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS-**

Commissioner O'Brien updated the Board on why they have been experiencing the issues with their Blackberry's.

There was discussion on what phones, plans and rates were available for the Board to consider. Commissioner Jewell stressed the importance of the cost remaining what the Board currently has. He stated he was not open to a plan that would cost more and stated that he wanted to see the bill be consistent every month.

Commissioner Jewell called Sprint (current provider) to discuss options and requested the quotes given be mailed to the Commissioners so they could have a local dealer set up the plan as discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

**DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD**

  
Mandy Robinson

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Paul Jewell, Chairman