

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

TUESDAY

10:00 A.M.

MARCH 10, 2015

Board members present: Chairman Gary Berndt; Vice-Chairman Obie O'Brien and Commissioner Paul Jewell.

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board & Steve & Debbie Hayden (Founder & President-Friends of the Northern Pacific Railroad Depot).

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HAYDEN UPDATE

COMMISSIONERS

At 10:00 a.m. Chairman Berndt opened a Special Meeting to receive an update from Steve Hayden.

Mr. Hayden thanked the Board for the time to meet and explained that he is planning to wrap up work on the Train Depo., this year. He stated that he would like to get endorsement letters from the Board as he proceeds to seek funding to help fund the remaining work at the Depo. He provided a letter with an attachment that outlined the remaining expenses, noting it was roughly \$597,650.00 plus tax to finish the work.

Commissioner Jewell questioned what Mr. Hayden's end goal was for the building was. Mr. Hayden stated that he has had many meetings with interested parties but ideally it would be for offices. Commissioner Jewell reviewed that in the past prior to laws changing the County was able to award lodging tax funds to the Depo., but with the changes to the laws they no longer fit within the guidelines of what's required. He reviewed ways to possibly allow use of lodging tax funds but stated that the building would have to be owned by a municipality.

Mr. Hayden presented plans he had done for the lot at 100 East University Way, Ellensburg WA 98926. Commissioner Jewell stated that he would like to list the Depo., on the Capital Facilities Plan and see if they can assist with funding it that way. The Board stated that they would be happy to draft an endorsement letter and asked that Mr. Hayden keep them in the loop on any State funding he may obtain.

APPROVED

4.7.15

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD


Mandy Buchholz

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Chairman Gary Berndt