

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
BOCC CONFERENCE ROOM
REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday

2:00 PM

January 12, 2016

Board members present: Paul Jewell, Gary Berndt, Obie O'Brien

Others: Patti Johnson, Lisa Lawrence, Mickey Webb

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Meeting called to order at 2:04pm

Solid Waste Updates: Patti gave the Board an update that garbage is slow after Christmas. Patti informed the Board that they should have received a letter from Waste Management regarding a rate increase, due to the Landfill raising their rates, and that it doesn't affect us per Contract. She informed the Board that Waste Management would receive a CPI increase the 1st of July as stated in the Contract.

Patti informed the Board that Solid Waste is somewhat fully staff now, that Gary Nelson has retired and that Rachel Kane is his replacement.

Discussion was held on water preparation in the event of a Flood at the Transfer Station. Patti informed the Board that we are doing the best that we can, keeping snow off of the pad etc., but unfortunately the road is in the floodway and if closure is necessary she would contact them.

Maintenance Updates: Patti informed the Board that staff is fighting snow and ice removal. Discussion was held on the fact that staff is doing a good job around the Courthouse, but needs to work harder on the sidewalks surrounding Public Works and providing ice melt for building staff to use if necessary.

Discussion was held on the drive thru south of the building and how far the County property actually goes and who is responsible for maintaining it. Further discussion included looking at the rental agreement a copy of which could be obtained from the Auditors Office.

Patti informed the Board that she has a meeting scheduled with Paula on Thursday to discuss a plan/policy on preventative

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maintenance, scheduling and staff access to the Jail.

Patti informed the Board that staff was working on painting at the Morris Sorenson building and that the target date for completion is February 1st.

Event Center ERR: Mickey presented the Board with a first draft of a proposed Kittitas County Fair rate increase that would incorporate funds into an Equipment Repair and Replacement Fund. Discussion was held on creating a Capital Reserve Fund, and the proposed rates, for the most part, being a 10% increase across the board with 5% going into a reserve account.

Mickey informed the Board that the Kitchen in the Armory is in the drywall stage and almost complete. Discussion was held on renting the kitchen portion separately or including it with hall rentals. Mickey informed the Board that he is waiting to see what the popularity will be for the kitchen space.

Mickey informed the Board that he is looking at adding various rental packages during the implementation of fees in 2017 and will include them during the public hearing process.

A brief discussion was held on the Coke Stage and that it was not included in the rentals.

Event Center Booking Strategies: Mickey tabled this agenda item.

Other Business:

Spring Projects. Mickey presented the Board with pictures of trees stating that there are a number of trees in bad locations in the parking lots and that the wood is weak in some of them. Mickey informed the Board that he had Gordon Crane from the City of Ellensburg walk the property with him to evaluate the trees and determine they were County not City. Mickey informed the Board he wanted to hollow out parts of the trunks and continue to use them throughout the property as planters.

Discussion was held on receiving monies for the rodeo arena footing. The Board directed Mickey to draft a press release and forward it to Commissioner Jewell.

Staff: Mickey informed the Board that Dave Standish left which created a vacant position and with union approval the title was changed to Event Operation Aide to focus more on hospitality and customer service. The position closes tomorrow. Mickey also updated the Board on snow removal, tire on skid steer, that he

is working on contracts, that the fair board meeting went well and they are working on accepting online fair entries by May 1st and that he is working with the Queen of Spades to help with landscaping in the spring.

Commissioner Jewell stated that he had contacted the Kittitas County Historical Society to develop a historical display about the Armory for the entryway and that Historical Documents funds could be used instead of the general fund. Discussion was held on doing something similar for the Fair as well.

Commissioner Jewell stated that the Strategic Plan is almost finished and is out to survey in the community and then will be scheduled for a public hearing.

A brief discussion was held on the Arena Seating Project and Patti scheduling a meeting with Beckwith. Patti informed the Board the Company is meeting with different focus groups tomorrow.

Meeting adjourned @ 2:58pm

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Lisa Lawrence



Chairman