

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

**TUESDAY**

**2:00 P.M.**

**MARCH 19, 2019**

Board members present: Vice-Chairman Brett Wachsmith and Commissioner Laura Osiadacz. Excused: Chairman Cory Wright.

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board II; Kady Porterfield, Event Center Director; Mark Cook, Public Works Director/Interim County Engineer; and 11 members of the public.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**EVENT CENTER RATES**

**EVENT CENTER**

At 2:04 p.m. **VICE-CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** opened a Public Hearing to consider adopting amendments to Fees of the Kittitas Valley Event Center Rental & Use Fee Schedule.

**KADY PORTERFIELD, EVENT CENTER DIRECTOR** reviewed a Staff Report and explained that the proposed rental rates reflect changes based on community & customer concerns with the "all-inclusive" rate of the Rodeo Arena set in 2018. She explained that many customers do not use the additional facilities bundled in the "all-inclusive" rate and solely want to use the Rodeo Arena. The "all-inclusive" bundle caused the rate for the Rodeo Arena to increase by over 28.5% and the 2018 rates have prevented new customers from using the Arena because of the cost and long-time customers are having to look elsewhere to hold their events as they can no longer afford the facility.

**THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING:** **TOM LUFT, RESIDENT** expressed his support for the proposed rental rate changes and questioned what's included in the rate. **GEMMA WOLFENBARGER, RESIDENT** questioned if the High School Rodeo Club would qualify for the 20% discounted rate for non-profits. **JACK WALLACE, RESIDENT** spoke in favor of the proposed rate changes and stated that the County needs to work on getting folks back here because we are centrally located. **LORAIN VARRIANO, CASCADE COW CUTTERS** encouraged the County to keep rates low. **DAVE HUBER, CASCADE COW CUTTERS** stated that they don't feel welcome and when they come for their events they get shuffled around a lot. **JANIE LARSON, CASCADE COW CUTTERS** stated that they spend a lot of money when they come to the County for events and since it's a central location people want to be here but they don't feel like it's inviting. **SAMANTHA ROBBINS, RESIDENT** stated that because of the central location the County needs to make folks want to be here. She stated that she grew up here and was never able to use the facilities for the events she participated in because the groups couldn't afford the facility. She stated that she understands the

facility has maintenance needs but they also need to keep rates low for users to afford them. She thanked Ms. Porterfield for her efforts so far. **THERE BEING NO OTHERS REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED**

**RESOLUTION 2019-053                      EVENT CENTER RATES-AMENDED                      EVENT CENTER**

**COMMISSIONER OSIADACZ** moved to approve Resolution No. 2019-053, To Adopt Amendments to Fees of the Kittitas Valley Event Center Rental & Use Fee Schedule. **VICE-CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** seconded. The Board thanked everyone for coming in and sharing their concerns and thanked Staff for their work on the issue. Motion carried 2-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING                      STOP SIGNS - KCC 10.12.010                      PUBLIC WORKS**

At 2:15 p.m. **VICE-CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** opened a Public Hearing to consider placement of a four way stop at the intersection of Umptanum Road, Manastash Road and Riverbottom Road and to amend KCC Section 10.12.010 Stops and Yields Streets.

**MARK COOK, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/INTERIM ENGINEER** provided a Staff Report. He stated that two residents requested placement of additional stop signs on Umptanum Road in October 2018. He stated that Public Works conducted a speed study in late fall of 2018 and recently produced results of the study for evaluation. He stated that the Board conducted a Public Hearing on 2/19/19 to consider a speed reduction for Umptanum Road. The Board elected to not move forward with the requested speed reduction. He stated that at that time Public Works notified the Board that they had failed to advertise the requested stop sign request with the speed reduction and is now formally addressing the stop sign request. Director Cook stated that they received two letters for the record one from Erva Hatfield and one from Brenda & Bryan Nass both not in support of the request.

**THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: LOREN WILHITE, RESIDENT** stated he was not in support of the proposal and feels there isn't anything wrong in the area. **RICK COLE, RESIDENT** stated that he is opposed to the proposal as are most of his neighbors. **THERE BEING NO OTHERS REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**COMMISSIONER OSIADACZ** moved to take no action on the proposed Ordinance or the request. **VICE-CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** seconded. The Board thanked Staff for putting in the time to bring forward the proposal. **VICE-CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** stated that he had spoken with the Sheriff's Office and they will have more of a presence in the area. Motion carried 2-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

  
Mandy Buchholz

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Brett Wachsmath, Vice-Chairman