

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES  
KITTTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
PUBLIC HEARING**

**TUESDAY**

**4:00 P.M.**

**APRIL 18, 2006**

Board members present: Chairman David Bowen; Vice-Chairman Commissioner Alan Crankovich and Commissioner Perry Huston.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Sande DeSalles, Fair Marketing Coordinator; Tom Swenson, Facilities Maintenance Director; Kathryn Anderson, Fair Staff; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor; and approximately 10 members of the public.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**EVENT CENTER FEES**

**FAIR**

At approximately 4:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN BOWEN** opened a public hearing (continued from April 4, 2006) to consider revisiting the current Kittitas Valley Event Center (at the Fairgrounds) weekday, weekend, and commercial rental fees for: Home Arts, 4H/FFA, Fine Arts, Heritage Center, Youth Craft, Frontier Village, Gazebo, Superintendent's, Gold Buckle, Western Village, Behind the Chutes, Novelty Booths, Rodeo Food Booth, Bucking Chutes, Rodeo Arena (Full Day), Rodeo Arena (Half Day), Rodeo Arena (Commercial), Bloom Pavilion (Half Day), Horse Boarding (monthly), Bloom Pavilion Livestock Fee, Stalls (Event Fees), Stalls (Daily Fees); certain amenities; and to establish a fee structure for Kittitas County Departments, Interlocal Government Agencies and other City, County, and State of Washington governmental rental fees.

**SANDE DESALLES, FAIR MARKETING DIRECTOR** reviewed written information she had prepared dated April 18, 2006.

**THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: CINDY WICKHAM** questioned if the proposal would go back to last year's rates and the proposed fees for next year. She claimed the barrel racers have never required two work ups on the grounds. **JOANNE WISE, REPRESENTING THE WESTERN ART ASSOCIATION** was pleased to hear that the contracts have been revisited. She was still struggling with the proposed amounts and would like to Board to consider increasing the rates in increments. She said during their event, they do require secured parking for the artist's utility vehicles. **BETH BENDER, REPRESENTING RODEO CITY EQUESTRIANS** thanked the Board for revisiting the fee schedule. She asked if the fee schedule would be effective in the beginning of 2007.

**TOM SWENSON, FACILITIES MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR** asked for clarification relating to work ups done during events. **SANDE DeSALLES** clarified the fees she proposed for January 1, 2007.

**COMMISSIONER HUSTON** suggested creating a Resolution which has a complete fee schedule attached so everything could be included. He said he was not interested in doing any refunds and that there was no lawful way of giving back money. He felt the Board's decisions are valid on face, and services were delivered at that rate. For events not yet held, they the Board could choose to change those, but not for the ones in the past. He suggested putting the 2007 rates on the next agenda for adoption with a complete fee schedule. He questioned if a club was charged a fee and claim they didn't get their services, could they go through the Claim procedure with the County. **NEIL CAULKINS, DEPUTY PROSECUTOR** felt it would be best to go through normal Claim procedure filed with the County Auditor, and then their office could investigate each one and make a recommendation. He said part of issue he would be concerned about is constitutional, the gifting of County funds. **COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** asked if the 2007 rates could be adjusted to assist in some of their recovery and then do another increase in 2008, as long as it's applied to everyone. **TERRY POWERS** questioned the livestock fees for Bloom Pavilion. **MS. DeSALLES** felt a flat fee of \$25.00 was justified since there is significant clean up from the animals including wash walls, clean alley, etc. She said the fee was for each event, and did not overlap any other fee for the Bloom Pavilion. **JACK WALLACE KITTITAS ROPING CLUB** questioned the clean up charge of \$25.00 and said it was different when they bring in only 25 head of cattle versus those who bring in 300 head. He did not feel the County should be making a big profit from clubs whose fees for joining have only been raised one time since the 1940's. **THERE BEING NO ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**COMMISSIONER HUSTON** said he was not inclined to deal with the 2007 fee schedule today, but rather he would like to see the whole fee schedule together with a Resolution. He said if the Barrel Racers wanted any type of refund, they need to go through the Claim for Damages process for a clean trail. The Board indicated that staff was directed to find fees to recover the costs.

**CHAIRMAN BOWEN** said he may be in favor of eliminating the \$25.00 fee to those clubs who volunteer at events such as the High School Rodeo, etc. in exchange for what they do. **COMMISSIONER HUSTON** said he was inclined to repeal the previous Resolution for 2006 fees and put them back to its existence in 2005 and to implement the 2007 fee schedule. For those groups feeling they need to recover costs, they need to file a Claim for Damages with the County Auditor. He

indicated the Board did not do anything illegal when they adopted the fees, which were substantiated. Everyone should be in the conversation next time fees are considered. He asked staff to attach a Contract when drafting a new Resolution.

**RESOLUTION 2006-64                      GOVERNMENTAL FEES                      FAIR**

**COMMISSIONER HUSTON** moved to approve Resolution No. 2006-64, relating to a policy to provide at no cost, Kittitas County government/department agencies booking meeting, conference rooms, and amenities for the sole purpose of conducting public hearings, meetings, training and voter polling meetings and hearings at the Kittitas Valley Event Center. **COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**COMMISSIONER BOWEN** moved to continue the public hearing to Monday April 24, 2006 at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse, to consider a Resolution for fees. **COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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**PUBLIC HEARING                      ADDITIONAL FAIR BOARD MEMBER                      FAIR**

At approximately 5:28 p.m. **CHAIRMAN BOWEN** opened the public hearing to consider amending the Bylaws of the Kittitas County Fair Board, Article V: Membership, Section 1 for the purpose of adding an eighteenth (18) Fair Board Director to the Kittitas County Fair Board.

**SANDE DeSALLES, FAIR MARKETING DIRECTOR** requested to amend the Kittitas County Bylaws to include a 18<sup>th</sup> Fair Board member. She said the Fair Board voted unanimously in favor of the request. **THERE BEING NO ONE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**RESOLUTION 2006-65                      18<sup>TH</sup> FAIR BOARD MEMBER                      FAIR**

**COMMISSIONER HUSTON** moved to approve Resolution No. 2006-65, Amending Changes to the Bylaws of the Kittitas County Fair Board, to add an eighteenth (18) member. **COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**BYLAWS    FAIR BOARD    FAIR**

**COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** moved to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Fair Board Bylaws. **COMMISSIONER HUSTON** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

At approximately 5:32 P.M. **CHAIRMAN BOWEN** opened the continued public hearing (from March 21, 2006) to consider the vacation of a portion of Passmore Road Right-of-Way.

**SCOTT BRADSHAW** presented a revised staff report for the Board's consideration. He noted that Sundance LLC would like to withdraw their request to have Passmore Road vacated.

**COMMISSIONER HUSTON** felt the County should still build a record relating to whether or not the right-of-way is surplus to the County's needs.

**MR. BRADSHAW** reviewed his staff report. He said it was unknown at this time what is planned in the area and recommended not vacating the right-of-way at this time.

**CHRIS CRUSE, REPRESENTING THE PROPONENT** explained that the Weidenbach Ranch is now for sale and wanted to restructure their application. Since it will take a long time to do they asked to withdraw their request. **THERE BEING NO ONE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**RESOLUTION 2006-66**

**PASSMORE ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**COMMISSIONER HUSTON** moved to approve Resolution No. 2006-66, Denying the request for a Vacation of a Portion of Passmore Road Right-of-Way. **COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** seconded.

**COMMISSIONER HUSTON** noted the future activity is unknown at this time and appreciated Mr. Cruse's advice to his clients. He explained that when appropriate, and the proponent comes up with another plan they could approach the County at that time.

Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD**

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Julie A. Kjorsvik

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David Bowen, Chairman