

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

**TUESDAY**

**1:00 P.M.**

**FEBRUARY 13, 2007**

Board members present: Chairman Alan Crankovich, Commissioner Mark McClain. Excused: Vice-Chairman David Bowen.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Sande DeSalles, Fair Director; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor; Kathryn Anderson, Fair Office staff; Tom Swenson, Facilities Maintenance Director; Fair Board Members: Heather Harrell; Wilma Pratt; Becky McDowell; Bill Allison, Greg Zempel.

**PROPOSAL**

**FAIR FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

**FAIR**

Heather Harrell described a new program they would have in place entitled the “Kittitas County Fair Family Assistance Program”. She said they currently award three high school scholarships each year at \$1,000.00 each. She said they would like to target new people with funds they have available. They would like to designate \$1,000 annually to DSHS and they would be given 500 vouchers to give out to people at their office on a first come, first service basis offered by the following programs: WorkFirst, Senior Assistance and Foster Care. They are asking the Board to drop the cost of the vouchers to \$2.00 each, so more vouchers can be awarded. She said after the Fair has ended, the Fair Office would submit a final bill along with all redeemed vouchers to the Friends of the Fair.

The Board questioned if it would be gifting of public funds. Greg Zempel felt it would depend on how the program was set up. He said there are currently different prices for different ages and it would only be creating a new classification for ticket price. He indicated it would be subject to a public hearing setting the fee schedule. Chairman Crankovich voiced a concern of people getting the tickets from DSHS and selling them to make a couple dollars. Heather said the vouchers would have original signatures from the Fair Board, as well as from the DSHS office, their client number, and a master list of those people would be given to the admissions director to have at all the ticket offices.

The Board directed them to move forward and set it for public hearing at a future date.

**PROPOSAL**

**COURTYARD PROJECT AT FAIR**

**FAIR**

The Kittitas County Fair Board, in conjunction with the Friends of the Fair Grounds Foundation would like to propose a courtyard project on the grounds of the Fair. It would be constructed in the grass area east of the Fair office and north of Bloom Pavilion. They would like to honor the County’s 4-H program, its local participants and supporters. The goal of the project would be to fund at least 50% of the project cost from external sources; grants, sponsorships and fundraising activities. The Fair Board voted on the project and approved the cost to come from the Fair budget, and understand they will have to reduce their expenditures from another area to compensate for the additional cost. The project cost would be approximately \$75,000.00, which would include light posts, seats, tree grates, cement benches, and pavers. They anticipated beginning the project immediately after the 2007 Fair and completion would be no later than

December 2007. Chairman Crankovich wanted to make sure the drainage and the excess water issues are addressed before the project begins.

Tom Swenson explained he would feel more comfortable having a 10 foot buffer with a landscape break to assist with a better runoff point for water.

Sande DeSalles said she was concerned with taking money out of her budget, claiming it was already tight. She said they already waive fees for County departments, which has taken away from revenue, and thought there should be some reciprocal from the County.

Neil Caulkins noted they would need to comply with the public bidding requirements and prevailing wage requirements.

The Board did not have any objection to the project but needed a viable site evaluation completed. The County Engineer may be able to look at it since it's an "in house" project. They will report back at a later date once more detailed information has been received.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

**KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**ATTEST:**

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**Julie A. Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board**

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**Alan Crankovich, Chairman**