

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

WEDNESDAY

9:00 A.M.

JANUARY 16, 2008

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

Others: Sande De Salles, Fairgrounds Program Director; Debbie Myers, Deputy Clerk of the Board.

SPECIAL MEETING KITTTITAS VALLEY EVENT CENTER COMMISSIONERS

At approximately 9:00 a.m. Chairman McClain opened a special meeting to discuss the Kittitas Valley Event Center Projects.

Sande De Salle, Kittitas Valley Event Center Program Director asked the Board to help her prioritize the Fair projects that need to be done. She asked if the house on the corner had been purchased by the County and if it was to be torn down. The Commissioners confirmed it was purchased by the County but a demolition date has not been scheduled.

There was discussion on the 4-H Courtyard project. **Sande De Salle** said the 4-H Courtyard Committee thought they would just do the cloverleaf at this time. They thought the work on the cloverleaf, benches or planters, and irrigation pipe would be approximately \$23,000. Sande thought we should include the cement work to patch around the gazebo at the same time. **Commissioner Bowen** asked her if she had run that idea by the 4-H Committee. She stated they were happy with the idea. **Chairman McClain** thought they need a proposal from the 4-H Committee with an agreement on who is paying for what. **Commissioner Bowen** asked Sande to bring an estimate on fixing the sidewalk, cement and greening up the grass back to the Board.

There was discussion on location of the creek and buildings. **Chairman McClain** would like to see an open creek with a walkway.

There was discussion on the Fair Board and Rodeo Board proposals.

There was discussion on creating a new committee with two people from all the boards/committees concerned. The Board decided Sande could advise the Rodeo Board and Fair Board that the Commissioners would consider their suggestions. The Board also suggested Sande contact Darryl Piercy, Community Development Services Director and have him or some of his planners look at the master complex plan and

the proposals from the user groups to see what might be feasible for expansion. The Board directed Sande to have them consider the creek location, natural barriers, power lines, stock rig traffic and the possibility of moving some of the buildings. **Chairman McClain** said Sande should have detailed plans back for Board consideration by the end of February. **Commissioner Bowen** thought there might be some Federal grant money available.

There was discussion on an adding an Equestrian Center.

Commissioner Bowen asked Sande what she would do at the fairgrounds if she had a choice. She said she would add stall space and another covered arena, and then green up the area to the north to be a better neighbor.

There was discussion on the County purchasing property to the North of the bowling alley. **Commissioner Bowen** stated the County would probably never be able to afford that property. **Chairman McClain** agreed.

There was discussion on moving the ecology blocks.

Sande stated the big tractor and disc they use to work the arenas belongs to Bill Lowe, who sometimes volunteers to work up the soil himself. He no longer wants to do this. She said they would need at least a 100 horse tractor, ripper and disc to do the work. Sande will get estimates for the equipment to bring to the Board.

There was discussion on the Bobcat, its use and possible upgrade.

There was discussion on charting projects, with associated costs, and number of people needed to complete projects.

There was discussion on the necessity of repairing the grandstands. Sande said Tom Swenson, Facilities Maintenance Director, had offered to assist on the grandstands project.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Debbie G. Myers

Mark McClain, Chairman