

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

WEDNESDAY

9:00 A.M

FEBRUARY 20, 2008

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

Others: Bill Allison, Becky McDowell, Heather Harrell, Debbie Myers, Deputy Clerk of the Board.

SPECIAL MEETING

FRIENDS OF THE FAIR

FAIR

At approximately 9:00 a.m. Vice-Chairman Crankovich opened the special meeting with Friends of the Fair to discuss the paving and 4-H cloverleaf brick project at the fairgrounds.

Becky McDowell said the volunteer group is using the paving project as a building block to support the Fair and get projects going in the community.

Heather Harrell said they originally wanted to pave the entire area outside of Bloom Pavilion, but estimates for the project were very high and the public seemed to be against paving the entire area. She stated they decided to just brick/pave the center area. They are checking into the rules for using the USDA emblem, fencing etc.

Friends of the Fair were hoping the County would fund 50% of the project or approximately \$28,000.

Commissioner Crankovich believed the County has already made a financial commitment to the project. Both Commissioners agreed they would need a written agreement between Kittitas County and the Friends of the Fair.

Commissioner Bowen volunteered to contact Judy Pless and see where the funds would come from. He also said he would need a list of expenses for the \$28,000.

Bill Allison said he thought Friends of the Fair had potential to procure funds for fair projects but it would take good communication between the user groups and the County.

Commissioner Crankovich stated they certainly don't want to discourage community involvement and he volunteered to take

Commissioner Bowen's place as liaison when Bowen leaves. Mr. Allison told him they meet the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

There was discussion on developing the North end of the Fairgrounds. Commissioner Bowen stated they had hoped the Fair and Rodeo Boards would be able to come to a workable suggestion for that area but it was hard for the groups to agree so the Commissioners asked Staff Planners to come up with a workable plan for development of the area, taking into consideration the traffic and different user groups.

There was discussion on relocating the Frontier Village.

There was also discussion on the mobile home park at the north end of the Fair property. Everyone thought the property would make a good addition to the Fair property but thought it was unobtainable at this point.

Friends of the Fair members advised the 4-H membership is up, with a lot of small animals this year.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Debbie Myers

Alan Crankovich, Vice-Chairman