

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

**TUESDAY**

**1:00 P.M.**

**MARCH 25, 2008**

Board members present: Commissioner Mark McClain, Commissioner Alan Crankovich, Commissioner David Bowen.

Others: Sande De Salles, Fairgrounds Program Director; Kathryn Anderson, Fairgrounds Program Assistant; Linda Huber, Auditor's office Accountant; Stephanie Happold, Deputy Prosecutor; Joe Seemiller, Kittitas Valley Fire & Rescue District 2; Debbie Myers, Deputy Clerk of the Board.

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**KITTTITAS VALLEY EVENT CENTER-FIRE ALARMS**

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At approximately 1:00 p.m. Commissioner McClain opened a special meeting to discuss priority of fire alarms on building at the Kittitas Valley Event Center.

Sande De Salles, Fairgrounds Program Director spoke of the need for a fire alarm system in the fair barns, and introduced Joe Seemiller with Kittitas Valley Fire & Rescue. Mr. Seemiller stated the dry system was probably the best and is tied in to an alarm system; the down side is you are required to have a room that is heated. There is also the deluge system where every sprinkler head flows when the alarm is tripped. He went on to say that a manually operated system might be a reasonable comprise, be less expensive and still be within the County Code.

There was discussion on the various alarm systems; implementation and practicality for the barns.

Mr. Seemiller brought up the issue of the grandstands and the barns being on separate systems and stated that having a link to the announcer booth or cutting off the announcer signal in an emergency were both options.

Commissioner Bowen stated he thought the dry system was fairly expensive, \$150,000 when they priced them a year or so ago. Also if the county went with a manual system, staff would have to be trained and he did not know what the cost savings might be.

There was discussion on the cost of alarms systems. Mr. Seemiller also said they would have to tap into a water main which would probably be

around \$10,000.

Commissioner Bowen suggested Sande De Salles price out the manual water system and any repairs to the current system vs. the current system and upgrades.

There was discussion on fire suppression/alarm for the Gold Buckle Club. Linda Huber asked if the membership might be willing to cover the costs of suppression/alarms for the Gold Buckle Club.

There was discussion on evacuation plans. Commissioner Bowen stated the routes need to be signed. Commissioner Crankovich suggested noting the evacuations routes in the rodeo program. Commissioner McClain stated we need to have a plan in force before the rodeo. Ms. De Salles said they have gone over emergency information, are planning a tabletop exercise but have had trouble getting everyone together. Mr. Seemiller said he would write a letter from the Fire Dept. supporting the tabletop exercise if Ms. De Salles continues to have scheduling difficulties.

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

**DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD**

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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**Debbie Myers**

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**Mark McClain, Chairman**