

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

MONDAY

3:00 P.M.

JUNE 30, 2008

Board members present: Chairman Mark McClain, Vice-Chairman Alan Crankovich and Commissioner Linda Huber.

Others: Matthew Anderson, Fairgrounds Program Director; Greg Zempel, Prosecutor; Kelly Schademan, Ellensburg Rodeo Board; Ken Peterson, Ellensburg Rodeo Board; Darryl Piercy, Director of Community Development Services; Roger Weaver, Ellensburg Rodeo Board and Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board.

SPECIAL MEETING

FIRE SUPPRESSION

FAIR

At approximately 3:00 p.m. Commissioner McClain opened the special meeting to consider the fire suppression plan at the Kittitas County Fairgrounds/Event Center.

Matt Anderson, Fairgrounds Program Director explained that after last year's Fair season, there was a letter received from the Kittitas Valley Fire & Rescue outlining a few minor fire code violations including the alarm system in the old grandstands, in which the alarm system was not transmitted directly to KITTCOM but to the Fairgrounds maintenance staff. The letter explained that they would require each building on the Fairgrounds to have an independent alarm system, and the volume of the alarm strobes must be set at required levels and the signals transmitted directly to KITTCOM. Matt explained they had been out to bid for a fire suppression system this past spring, and did not receive any bids, so he contacted Rell's Fire Protection to get an estimate of how much it would be to establish zones in the current fire alarm system. It was under \$5,000.00 for a short term fix, but for a longer term he would eventually need to go back out for bid. Darryl Piercy gave suggestions on a wet system, stating they hold up to freezing and may be cheaper. The Board directed Matt Anderson to get the zones in place for a short term fix.

Other business: There was discussion on the north side of the rodeo grandstands that needs to be addressed for public safety within the next 2 months. Options discussed ranged from pressure treated boards to aluminum. They noted an engineer may be able to offer alternative solutions for the short term fix, at least 2-5 years. The Board recommended taking down the "cat walk" above the track. The Board

directed Matt Anderson to advertise a request for qualifications for engineering services for repairing the grandstands flooring. Darryl & Greg offered to assist Matt with drafting the request for qualifications.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

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Julie Kjorsvik

Mark McClain, Chairman