

Kittitas County Solid Waste, Fair & Maintenance Study Session

December 10th, 2009-10:00 a.m.

Those Present:

Al Crankovich

Paul Jewell

Mark McClain

Patti Johnson

Lisa Lawrence

Michael Carpenter

Matthew Anderson

Brenda Barker

****Solid Waste Update:** The board was presented with a period end production analysis report. This report shows the different materials accepted at the Counties facilities. In November the Transfer Stations received 2,341.79 tons of garbage and serviced 7,464 customers.

****Transfer Stations Operations Update:** Patti informed the board that five firms attended the Mandatory walk through for Transfer Station operations, but only one bid was received for and that she was in the process of reviewing Waste Management's proposal as well as looking at other cost effective options for operating the Facilities. There was discussion of other disposal options and what the costs would be if Counties agreed to open borders to accept Kittitas County garbage.

Board Direction: Check into disposal costs and provide a range of numbers for continued discussion of other options for the County.

****Other:** Patti informed the board that she received 81 completed applications for the Scalehouse attendant position and that after review and scoring, 12 applicants were interviewed.

Patti Johnson, Solid Waste Director

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Maintenance Update: Michael informed the board that the department is short staffed. Terry has been out on bereavement and vacation and others also have vacation time scheduled. He is using trustees to fill in for the general cleaning except in the Courthouse and Misdemeanant Probations which did not want the trustees used in those areas.

Board Direction: Check on possibility of using the fair maintenance staff to help fill in.

Budget Update: Michael informed the board that his budget will be in the black overall at year end. Some budget lines such as utilities and telephone will be over but have been adjusted for in the 2010 budget.

Jail Ceiling Tile Repair Options: A letter with accompanying advantages and disadvantages of the three options was handed out in regards to the detention area ceilings at the jail. Option 1 – Suspended Metal, \$200,000, Option 2 – Spray-on Cement, \$121,000, and Option 3 – Repair/replace existing tile, \$1.25 per tile (piece brought in for display).

Board Direction: Get the Sheriff's opinion.

Other-Jail Repair : Michael was asked by the board where the bid documents on the jail project are at. He replied that they are only waiting for the decision on the ceiling tile repairs and also some added kitchen updates.

Board Direction: None

Door Lockset and Cardkey Program: Computer program has expired, there is no more support. The hand held are freezing & locking up. The system was a poor choice for the size and scope of our buildings.

Board Direction: Put together a package and check on grant availability.

Michael Carpenter, Facilities Maintenance Director

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Fair: Profit and Loss update given, the budget is in good shape and should be within budget at year end. There are still several things booked until the end of the year, stabling, holiday parties, and meetings. The Event Center has seen an increase in 4H related activities that are at no charge or reduced rate of 70%. The Event Center is also booked several years in advance. Board asked about fee increases and when the last one had taken place. Discussion followed on the last increase that was only in effect for a few months and then was reverted back to the old rates.

Board Direction: Proposal made to increase revenues 10% minimum and to also make changes in the contracts to reflect rate changes are possible.

Holiday Christmas Basket: The Christmas basket in the past has used the armory for their needs. Since the armory is in the process of reverting back to the county but has not been finalized yet they were without a place to assemble and put together the baskets. They have booked the Umtanum Hall at the Event Center for this purpose but have asked to have the fees waived.

Board Direction: Paul moved to waive fees for the Christmas basket, second by Alan. Motion Carried.

Matt Anderson, Fairgrounds Program Director