

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

MONDAY

4:00 P.M.

FEBRUARY 11, 2013

Board members present: Chairman Obie O'Brien; Vice-Chairman Paul Jewell and Commissioner Gary Berndt.

Others: Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board. Rodeo Board Members: Steve Alder, Bob Crowe, Ron Mitchell, Brian Twardoski & Kelly Schademan.

SPECIAL MEETING

RODEO BOARD GRANT

COMMISSIONERS

At 4:00 p.m. Chairman O'Brien opened a Special Meeting to receive a presentation from the Ellensburg Rodeo Board.

Brian Twardoski, Rodeo Board member reviewed a Power Point presentation and explained that the purpose of the presentation was to update the Board on the direction the Rodeo Board is working towards and to see if the County would be able to financially assist them as the property belongs to the County. He outlined the safety concerns as well as ADA concerns of the grandstands and explained that it is a huge community asset and at risk in its current shape. Mr. Twardoski explained that their goal was to get on the radar for Olympia. He stated that they have submitted an application seeking 4.5 million dollars to renovate the rodeo grounds. He indicated that an application was submitted to Senator Holmquist-Newbry, Representative Judy Warnick and Representative Matt Manweller for funding from the Washington State Capital budget. He reviewed the recent investments the Rodeo Board has put forward in order to upkeep the facility, noting that the 2.9 million doesn't include the volunteer labor that the Rodeo Board has donated. He stated that if the funding is awarded it would be put towards replacing sections AA - JJ & KK - NN. Kelly Schademan explained that the preliminary design has been developed by Steel Stadiums of Graham Texas and he outlined the project expenses.

Commissioner Jewell reviewed some potential funding possibilities. He explained that it is ideal to have these meetings prior to the application being submitted so that the County is aware of them and can speak knowledgably when approached about the funding request.

Ron Mitchell explained that in the Agreement with the County the facility is to be turned back to the Rodeo Board in the same

condition as they left it in previously and that is never the case. He stated that in most years the Board spends anywhere from 30-40K bringing the grounds up to par.

Commissioner Jewell outlined the process for the County going out for a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and then how they go about selecting an Architect. He explained that the County would have Rodeo Board members participate in the interview process and the County already has a Project Manager to oversee the project. Commissioner O'Brien stated that he would like to be the point of contact for the Board on this project.

The Board indicated that they would have a letter of support drafted for the project that the Rodeo Board could attach to the application.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD



Mandy Robinson

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Obie O'Brien, Chairman