

**KITTITAS COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSIONERS AUDITORIUM  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY**

**11:00 A.M.**

**APRIL 23, 2014**

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

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Gene Dana, Rodeo Board; Clay Myers, Fair Board; Roylene Crawford, Fair Board; Greg Zempel, Fair Board; Lisa Young, HR Director/Interim Fair Director and Patti Johnson, Solid Waste Director/ Project Manager/Interim Facilities Maintenance Director.

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**FAIRGROUNDS UPDATE**

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At 11:00 a.m. Chairman Jewell opened a Special Meeting to meet with members of the Kittitas County Fair Board and County Staff.

Clay Myers, Fair Board member questioned the Board on their plan for the two houses at the north end of the Fairgrounds. He questioned if the houses could be utilized presently. Chairman Jewell stated that the Board has no plans to demolish the houses this year as it's not in the budget. He stated that they are not safe to be used for anything. There was discussion on approaching the fire department to see if they would be interested in using the houses for training.

Greg Zempel, Fair Board member provided a brief summary of what his understanding was on the letter that was going to be provided during this meeting from Fair Board member Becky McDowell. He stated that the Fair Board is requesting permission to use the State revenue funds received in excess of the budgeted amount for additional pen/cage purchases for use in 2014. He stated that the Fair Board's feeling was that the use of funds will help to ensure adequate pen/cage space for livestock and small stock exhibits for the 2014 fair. The Board stated they would get back to the Fair Board after they received a financial report, but didn't see any initial issues with the request.

Chairman Jewell stated that the Queen of Spades has indicated that they are interested in contributing some landscaping at the

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Armory in honor of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Gazebo at the Kittitas County Event Center.

Clay Myers, Fair Board member stated that there are missing pieces of "shake" (roof style) that have blown off and they would like to get some caps and get them replaced. Lisa Young was directed to do a Maintenance Request. There was discussion on the possibility of painting the gazebo.

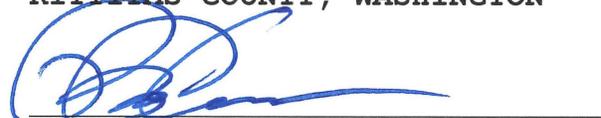
There was discussion on the contract that exists with the Cow Cutters and what responsibilities and expectations come with the contract. Clay Myers, Fair Board member stated that the Fair Office staff has been dealing with the brunt of the Cow Cutters with their most recent visit and he didn't feel they are the best fit to handle them. The Board stated that they were aware of the issues going on at the Event Center and they have been working on solutions. Commissioner O'Brien stated that he and Ms. Young are the point of contact for Event Center related issues and that Event Center staff are aware of proper protocol if they should run into any additional issues etc. There was discussion and suggestions made regarding future expectations for use of the Fairgrounds. There was discussion on how contracts will be processed. The Board stated that Ms. Young is reviewing the contracts that come presently and is the point of contact. Ms. Young stated that she is working on updating the contracts with Deputy Nigrey.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

**DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD**

  
Mandy Buchholz

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Chairman Paul Jewell