

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

TUESDAY

5:30 P.M.

MARCH 3, 2015

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

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Mickey Webb, Event Center Director. Rodeo Board Members/Representatives: Gene Dana; Ron Mitchell & Megan Woodworth (General Manager). Kittitas County Fair Board Members: Roylene Crawford & Clay Myers.

SPECIAL MEETING RODEO BOARD CONTRACT DISCUSSION COMMISSIONERS

At 5:30 p.m. Chairman Berndt opened a Special Meeting to discuss with representatives from the Ellensburg Rodeo Board (ERB) the Contract they have with the County that will expire in 2016. He explained that this was a follow up meeting from January 28, 2015.

Chairman Berndt provided a handout with talking points for the meeting and began discussion with the Security (clause 27). He explained that they ended the last meeting on the topic of security and wanted to wait to allow the Fair Board Director in charge of security to attend the meeting to provide feedback on behalf of the fair.

Clay Myers, Fair Board Director reviewed the current security policy and how they work with the Rodeo Board. He stated that in his opinion for the security to be effective and successful they need to develop a mutual agreeable plan. Commissioner Paul Jewell indicated that he would work with Mr. Myers to draft new language and have it ready to bring back for the next meeting. Mickey Webb, Event Center Director suggested that they include a clause that indicates that 90 days out the security meetings begin. There was discussion on both the Fair and Rodeo Board renting radios from the same company and have them programmed so they can talk to each other.

Commissioner Jewell provided and reviewed a handout of a revised Insurance Clause (clause 16). He stated that currently the County is going through the process of reviewing all insurance that they have with vendors and finding that previously, there were quite a few that had been grossly underinsured. The Rodeo Board said they would review it at their next Board meeting and respond.

Commissioner Berndt provided a revised draft Dispute Resolution Process (clause 18 & 19). He reviewed his recent "arena study" he attended with ERB members Ron Mitchell and Brian Twardoski.

Commissioner Jewell stated that he would submit a CAMAS request to the County Prosecutor to have them draw up an agreement for consideration. He questioned Commissioner O'Brien if he would like to work on an RFP. Commissioner O'Brien agreed to the task.

There was roundtable discussion on maps presented of the Event Center property and the ownership.

Mickey Webb, Event Center Director gave a report on the use of the hilltop area. He stated that in 2014 the known users were: College Rodeo and the Posse Youth Rodeo. He stated that the possible users if they choose to return would be the High School Rodeo and the Junior Rodeo, noting that it may be used as potential overflow parking with larger events. He reviewed misc. equipment: red ticket boxes from the Fair are no longer needed and will be removed; concrete culverts that were used around water faucets; temporary chain Link Fence Panels, he noted were moved by the Rodeo from the Event Center storage and miscellaneous gates that came from gate replacement around the rodeo grounds. He stated that there are a number of holding pens at the hilltop location that are the KVEC panels. He stated that there is one spring tooth plow stored at the hilltop.

Chairman Berndt questioned Fair Admittance (clause 5) and whether or not it needed to be revised. The group present agreed it is in the best interest of everyone to leave clause 5 as is.

Commissioner Jewell indicted that Reciprocal Use (clause 6) needs to be discussed along with compensation. However there are members not in attendance that should be for that discussion.

The Board determined they would set the next Special Meeting on April 8, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Auditorium, Room #109.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD


Mandy Buchholz

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Gary Berndt, Chairman