

**KITTITAS COUNTY
EC STUDY SESSION MINUTES
BOCC CONFERENCE ROOM, 205 WEST 5TH ROOM 108 - ELLENSBURG
Regular Meeting**

WEDNESDAY	10:00 AM	June 12, 2019
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Board members present: Chairman Cory Wright; Vice-Chairman Brett Wachsmith; and Commissioner Laura Osiadacz

Others: Kady Porterfield Event Center Director; Lacie Dawson Event Center Program Manager; Megan Meeks Ellensburg Rodeo General Manager

At 10:00 a.m. Chairman Wright opened meeting to discuss Event Center business.

General Event and Rental updates: Kady discussed the complimentary usage of the facility by Kittitas County and 4H year to date. Per Kady, county total is higher than normal due to Behind the Badge and Commissioners temporary use of facility.

Kady discussed Cascade Cow Cutters concerns that their bill for sand delivery was increased due to delays in regard to the Bloom construction and the construction crews not vacating facility when scheduled. Kady will further discuss with representatives from Cascade Cow Cutters and report back.

Kady discussed sending rodeo arena dirt sample out for quality evaluation, as was done in 2016. Commissioner Wachsmith brought up use of an anti-clump spray that was used during rodeo. Kady to check cost of spray.

Self Promoted Events Business: Kady stated that ChillAxle is going well, lots of community sponsors.

Kady stated that she has been working on an MOU with KVFR and EMS in coordination of Patriot Night event. EMS will charge \$105/hr to be on-site during event. Rodeo will allow use of their lot for the fireworks show. Commissioner Wright asked about possible line of site issues with fireworks show. Per Kady, will not be an issue due to new location at rodeo lot. Discussion of providing \$5.00 military discount (active and retired) for concert tickets. Kady will work on PSA explaining precautions being taken and how EC is working to mitigate any

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possible fireworks issues/concerns. Kady is also looking into an additional water truck (other than just the EC one) to be present at event.

Commissioner Wachsmith made a motion to approve fireworks display contract as written. Commissioner Wright asked what the wind speed cutoff for the show will be. Kady will work to clarify wind speed cutoff with KVFR and report back. Commissioner Wright moved to table contract until Monday meeting.

Sponsor Business: Kady stated Mike's Hard and White Claw will be sponsoring Patriot Night and Corona will sponsor after party. Coca-Cola has also confirmed sponsorship as the official soft-drink and Holiday Inn Express as official hotel partner.

Kady said that discussion of building sponsorship is on hold at this time.

10:21 Executive Session Called (10 min) by Commissioner Wright:

Commissioner Wright, Commissioner Wachsmith and Kady Porterfield present. Session called to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. However, subject to RCW 42.30.140 (4), discussion by a governing body of salaries, wages, and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when a governing body elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary of an individual employee or class of employees, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public. No action was anticipated.

10:26 Commissioner Osiadacz joins session

10:31 The Board reconvened out of Executive Session. No action was taken.

FAIR AND RODEO UPDATES: Per Kady, the Rodeo Arena will be featured in a Carhart commercial.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Kady stated that Karey has completed the final grant information package for the Bloom project. Discussion of

possible WSDA Health and Safety grant application to pay for LED Rodeo Arena lighting.

OTHER BUSINESS: Kady brought up the need for AED's for fairgrounds. Commissioner Osiadacz stated that there may be a health and safety grant available from sheriff's office. Kady will look into it.

Commissioner Osiadacz stated that it may be more cost-effective to hire an outside source for rodeo arena dirt maintenance. Kady will look into cost feasibility.

Meeting adjourned at 10:49 by Commissioner Wright.

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Kady Porterfield


Cory Wright, Chairman

