

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

WEDNESDAY	10:00 AM	January 13, 2021
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Board members present: Chairman Brett Wachsmith (via Webex), Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz (via Webex)

Others: Event Center Director Kady Porterfield (via Webex), Event Center Program Manager Lacie Dawson (via Webex), Human Resources Director Lisa Young (via Webex), and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Chris Horner (via Webex)

Call to Order 10:01 a.m.

Fairgrounds Insurance Claim Updates:

Per Chris Horner, the damage was done by juveniles and EPD does have suspects. There was approximately \$100,000 in damage done. The county has a \$500 deductible, the remainder should be covered by insurance. Funds may be recouped from parents of juveniles, case is ongoing.

Kady has conferred with Stephanie Hartung, she can move forward with the small works roster to get the bidding done. There will need to be a special meeting for signatures.

General Event and Rental Updates:

Kady has met with both Dr. Larson and Stephanie Hartung regarding Bloom classification. If doors on all sides are open, it can be considered "outdoor", if the doors are closed it will be classified as "indoor". With the outdoor designation, we can have up to 50 participants for an outdoor sporting event. Bloom is currently booked every day with multiple bookings, so that will be helpful moving forward.

The fairgrounds will be used for the upcoming vaccine immunization clinic. It is expected to last approximately three months. This will be a significant source of revenue, as it will be reimbursed at 100% from FEMA funds from what the County Emergency Management Team explained. We have not heard back on the court dates yet, but it will not start until February 17th at the earliest.

Kady is working on a trade agreement for KCSO for space use.

Self-Promoted Event Updates:

Kady is confident that the fair will be able to take place this year, possibly with some small modifications.

Kady is working with the promoter for the 4th of July concert to see what our options are and if moving forward will be financially viable. We did receive \$18,500 from lodging tax toward the event. That is extremely helpful.

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Special Projects:

The Posse Barn project should take place in April/May. The bid is under budget, so other repairs and improvements can also be made for a few smaller projects Kady would like completed.

The Colockum and HVAC projects in Teanaway and Umtanum are going well. Kady will continue to work with Patti on projects.

Executive Session:

At 10:15 a.m. Chairman Wachsmith announced the Board would recess into an Executive Session for 5 minutes *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.

At 10:22 a.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. No action was taken.

Other Business:

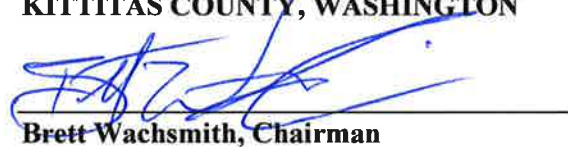
Kady has met with Rep. Tom Dent and Carl Jensvold from the Rodeo Board about funding for the Rodeo Arena grandstands project. Dent is in support of further funding of the project and will be looking into federal partnerships that might also help this get through. Kady is also submitting a grant request for \$1.3 million to finish Bloom upgrades through the Legislature’s Local Community Project funding program.

Kady has been working with IT on selection of security system to be purchased with law and justice grant. Per Kady, IT has been very helpful.

Meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Kady Porterfield


Brett Wachsmith, Chairman