

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

<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>June 9, 2021</b>
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Board members present: Chair Brett Wachsmith, Commissioner Cory Wright – both via WebEx

**Others:** Kady Porterfield (Event Center Director), Lacie Dawson (Event Center Program Manager) – all via WebEx

**1. Call to Order 10:00am**

**2. General Event and Rental Updates**

Vaccine clinic last day will be 6/17, move out to be completed by end of month.

Luke Mezich Memorial Roping, Barrel Races, Cattle & Equine shows taking place this month.

**3. Self Promoted Event Updates**

Patriot Night: Kady is working on radio and marketing to reach Seattle, Moses Lake, and Yakima areas. The “Party Pods” have been popular and overall ticket sales are going well. Joe Nichols selection as headliner has been well received/very popular. The fireworks show will be taking place immediately following the concert. The liquor licensing has been challenging due to all of the COVID changes.

Commissioner Wright asked for a ball-park figure on the concert. Per Kady the cost is approximately \$85,000 (includes artist, production and marketing). Receiving funds from new sponsors of the event as well as lodging tax. Commissioner Wright stated he is pleased with the direction the concert is going and it takes a while to build up an event like this.

**4. Approve Concert Production PSA with Backstage Electric**

To cover stage, sound, and lights for main event and after party for concert. Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the PSA with Backstage Electric. Commissioner Wachsmith seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passes.

**5. Special Projects**

- Panting project is starting this month for Teanaway and Umtanum Halls.
- Colockum Room is demolished
  - Working on new water spigots for outside Bloom
  - Asphalt and ballers to be installed
  - City did not approve tent structure
    - Went out as a public works bid
    - Now having supply problems for new tents
  - Working with livestock directors on plans to rearrange for this year
- Posse barn project is 1/3 of the way done, Mike Flory has been a big help on the engineering and check in on the project questions.
- Hillside behind big red barns is getting worse.

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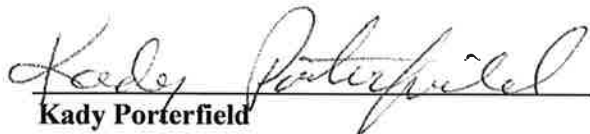
- Need a new sweeper to keep up with rock fall
- Area behind dog barn is the worst
- Commissioner Wright asked if an assessment needs to be done for the hillside?  
Kady – yes, that would be great. She looked through the files but did not see one.
- Insurance projects are all done and look good
- Western Village gates: Rodeo Board will cover the cost; we will install them.
- Commissioner Wachsmith asked if there were any grant possibilities to help deal with the flooding.
  - Per Kady, the city is working on grant possibilities
  - Flood waters went down both sides of the arena track
  - Flooding caused asphalt damage
- There has been lots of interest from the state parks department on the land swap along the John Wayne Pioneer Trail. So far everything is positive.


**6. Discuss KVEC Temporary Positions**

There is currently 1 open seasonal position. Kady would like to possibly hire two temps for 90 days (1 office and 1 outside) to get through the summer. It would be budget friendly (save on benefits). Commissioners were supportive of the idea.

**OTHER BUSINESS** - None

Meeting adjourned at 10:28am

  
Kady Porterfield

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**  
  
Brett Wachsmith, Chairman