

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

MONDAY	10:00 AM	November 20, 2023
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Board members present: Chairman Cory Wright, Vice-Chairman Brett Wachsmith, Commissioner Laura Osiadacz

Others: Kady Porterfield (Event Center Director), Carl Jensvold (Ellensburg Rodeo Board President)

- 1. Call to Order:** 10:00AM by Vice-Chairman Wachsmith.
- 2. Citizen Comments (1 min. time limit):** None
- 3. Grandstands Project Updates:** Kady opened a discussion about what work is currently being done on the Rodeo Grandstands project. Carl shared where the Rodeo Board stands with motivation to help see the project completed and keeping this on the forefront as a priority. Vice-Chairman Wachsmith shared some of financing options he has been researching on how to effectively utilize our joint funds between the County, the Rodeo, and the City. Carl would like to meet to work with Kady and Patti Stacey (County Project Manager) on talking to ALSC Architects about revising the design, if it's possible, based on the committed funding at hand, and if or how we may have to phase to start using some of the project funds. Kady suggested she look into updating the project scope on some of the state grant funding to work with ALSC on design updates. Chairman Wright said he would also work with Kady on looking into any possible options for funding through CERB (Community Economic Revitalization Board). Kady continued that currently all Federal funding avenues and resources that have been shared with her are not a fit for this project or our entity at this time.
- 4. Fire System Project Updates and Budget Amendment:** Kady shared that the insurance will not cover the repairs to the fire suppression system other than what was damaged because of the freeze. Therefore, the restoration of the flooded rooms will be fully covered, but the repairs to get the majority of the fire suppression system back up and running and to ensure it won't fail again due to the age of the system, will not be covered by insurance. Kady continued that she is also working to get needed updates done to the Expo Hall systems as quickly as possible, but not sure if it will affect this year's budget or next year's budget.

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5. Other Business: Kady will be bringing a couple resolutions forward soon addressing rates at the Event Center as well as the Capital Improvement Fund through facility sponsorships. Cascade Cow Cutters have booked four show dates for 2024. Chairman Wright shared that Craig's Hill is becoming an important topic of discussion as we move along with working with the City on various projects.

Meeting concluded at 10:25AM.


Kady Porterfield

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Cory Wright, Chairman