

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

MONDAY	10:00 AM	December 11, 2023
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Board members present: Chairman Cory Wright, Vice-Chairman Brett Wachsmith, Commissioner Laura Osiadacz

Others: Kady Porterfield (Event Center Director), and approximately 35 members of the public.

1. Call to Order: 10:03am by Chairman Wright after a venue change to the BOCC Auditorium to accommodate citizens in attendance.

2. Citizen Comments (1 min. time limit): The following citizens stated they were residents of Kittitas County and made comments on concerns around actions involving the City and Craig's Hill, Reed Park, and the American Legion: Jeff Whitman, Penny Whitman, Angela Lang, Cheryl Chance, Nicole Paxton, Bryan Ray, Bob Kibbler, Lynn McCowin, Lauren Harper, Erica Sanford, Josh Whister, Rhonda Griffin, and Judie Craig.

Documents shared from citizens during the comments were submitted into the record. Comments ended at 10:20am.

3. Request to Approve Resolution for Declaration of Emergency – Event Hall Fire Sprinkler System: Kady requested approval of Resolution 2023-220 Declaration of Emergency - Event Hall Fire Sprinkler System to address an upcoming facility failure before it is too late. Vice-Chairman Wachsmith moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Osiadacz seconded the motion. Motion passed.

4. 2024 KVEC Rate Changes Discussion: A request for a public hearing is coming to the BOCC on December 19th with a public hearing on January 2nd to review and approve the rate changes for KVEC facilities in 2024. Changes include a 3-5% increase on indoor venues, new package options, post-event cleaning fees, and the addition of the Annex that was built along Bloom this year.

5. Self-Promoted Events Business:

Patriot Night Under the Lights – Artists for the headline show and the After Party have been secured and contracts will be coming forward in the next study session.

6. Sponsorship Updates: Kady received the Fair Sponsorship report last Friday from the Friends of the Fair and said there are some corrections to come as the Friends of the Fair

Livestock Sale had items included in that that needed to be removed since the Fair is separate from the Livestock Sale put on by Friends of the Fair. She's awaiting an updated copy and will report back with final figures once that is turned in. The BOCC directed Kady to provide a sponsorship overview of the last 10 years complete with graphs for review of the program by the January Study Session.

7. Special Project Updates: None.

8. Other Business: BOCC discussed comments made earlier about Craig's Hill and talking with the City of Ellensburg. Vice-Chairman Wachsmith shared that he has a time being set already with the City Manager, Parks Director, and American Legion to sit and hear some things out. Document review was also discussed as it's important to know what statutes and resolutions are so they can be understood and clarified. It was emphasized that there are several interconnected issues to consider around this topic and those will need to be discussed as an agenda item in the January Study Session.

Meeting concluded at 11:05AM.


Kady Porterfield

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Cory Wright, Chairman