

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

TUESDAY	3:00 PM	July 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), Lacie Dawson (Event Center Program Manager), Jeanne Killgore (Human Resources Director)

1. Call to Order: 3:00PM

2. Citizen Comments (1 min. time limit): None

3. Executive Session: At 3:01p.m. Chairman Wright announced the Board will recess into an Executive Session under - **RCW 42.30.110 (g) 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,** for 10 Minutes. No action was anticipated. The Board exited executive session at 3:11, no action was taken.

At 3:11pm, the Board entered back into executive session for 5 minutes, no action anticipated under - **RCW 42.30.110 (g) 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.** At 3:16pm, the Board exited executive session, no action taken.

At 3:16PM, the Board enters back into executive session for 15 minutes under **RCW 42.30.110 (g) 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 anticipated. Dawson exits. At 3:31pm, the Board reconvenes, and Dawson enters. No action taken. Killgore exits the meeting.

4. Patriot Night Under the Lights Recap: Overall the event went well. The fireworks were great and received a lot of compliments on Runaway June. The crew did well and setup went smoothly. Beer sales were also up a bit from the prior year. Ticket sales were down by more than 1/3 (estimated loss, including fireworks cost, is \$32-33,000). May have been down due to the performers not being as well know as some in the past. Other July 3-4th events across the country were down this year as well. Ticket sales were trending closely with sales in prior years but they didn't pick up the last 2 days as much as they had before. There was a lot of social media presence and more interaction and excitement, but it didn't translate to sales. Sold 766 tickets, about 850 total attendance (including trade and sponsor comps).

The 4th of July will be on a Thursday next year. With a different artist and the date being on the end of the week, there should be better ticket sales. Porterfield stated she would approach the city and KVFR to see if they would pitch in/help cover the cost of the fireworks as we would like to continue to offer it as a safety measurement for the City and County to keep the public from lighting off banned fireworks.

Chairman Wright stated that he believes in the event and that it's been great for the community.

5. Sponsor Business: Chelsea has been working with Legends and is negotiating for \$75,000 per year, for 3 years as a continuing facility sponsor.

6. Special Projects: No updates.

7. Other Business – no action to be taken: Working through legislative funding for the grandstands project (\$1 million). Will need to collect all funds before using them.

Bloom project is going well (some permit issues related to sliver of land under Bloom).

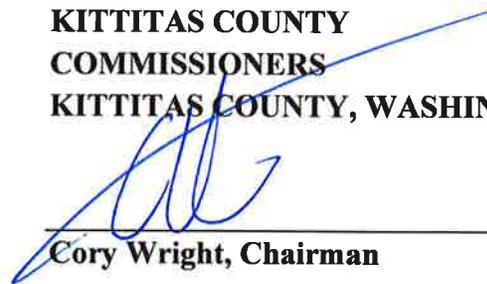
Shady Acres demolition should start July 17th, pending demo permitting issues.

Meeting concluded at 3:50pm.

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KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



Kady Porterfield



Cory Wright, Chairman