MONDAY 10:30 A.M.  APRIL 24, 2006

Public hearing

At approximately 10:30 a.m. CHAIRMAN BOWEN opened a public hearing (continued from April 18, 2006) to consider revisiting the current Kittitas Valley Event Center (at the Fairgrounds) weekday, weekend, and commercial rental fees for: Home Arts, 4H/FFA, Fine Arts, Heritage Center, Youth Craft, Frontier Village, Gazebo, Superintendent's, Gold Buckle, Western Village, Behind the Chutes, Novelty Booths, Rodeo Food Booth, Bucking Chutes, Rodeo Arena (Full Day), Rodeo Arena (Half Day), Rodeo Arena (Commercial), Bloom Pavilion (Half Day), Horse Boarding (monthly), Bloom Pavilion Livestock Fee, Stalls (Event Fees), Stalls (Daily Fees); certain amenities; and to establish a fee structure for Kittitas County Departments, Interlocal Government Agencies and other City, County, and State of Washington governmental rental fees. He noted the record was closed.

NEIL CAULKINS, DEPUTY PROSECUTOR explained that he had drafted a Resolution, per the direction from the Board at the April 18, 2006 public hearing. He said it provided a form for the use of contacts, noting that those contracts which have already been entered into, but not yet held needed to be re-written using the new form and new fee schedule. CHAIRMAN BOWEN explained how there were a lot of people operating under the umbrella of a 501C3 tax status, such as the Laughing Horse Arts Foundation who also has approximately 6 other names operating under them. He indicated everyone involved pays a portion of the insurance premium. MR. CAULKINS felt the "parent" entity would need to be listed on the contracts and they would also need to sign the document as well. COMMISSIONER HUSTON said the 501C3 status is a tax code, and if the entity have satisfied IRS requirements and are legitimately operating under someone else's banner, there would be no issue as far as he's concerned. He indicated that they must demonstrate to County staff that they do qualify as a 501C3 and the policy should be stated somewhere. COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH said he didn’t want to see the Event Center staff pick and choose who gets discounts and who does not. He wants it clearly stated and defined.
CHAIRMAN BOWEN offered to sit down with the Event Center staff regarding the policy to ensure it's clearly defined for everyone.

RESOLUTION 2006-67

COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH moved to approve Resolution No. 2006-67, Rescinding Resolution No. 2005-156 and Setting a New Fee Schedule for the Kittitas County Event Center and Approving a Contract Form. COMMISSIONER HUSTON seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.