Board members present: Chairman David Bowen; Vice-Chairman Alan Crankovich; Commissioner Perry Huston.

Others: Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Ken Peterson, Ron Mitchell, Rick Cole, Roger Weaver; all members of the Ellensburg Rodeo Board

At 10:00 a.m. Chairman Bowen opened a special meeting to review the Ellensburg Rodeo Board agreement.

Ron Mitchell, President of the Ellensburg Rodeo Board made introductions. He explained the Ellensburg Rodeo Board agreement was up for renewal and distributed a rough draft copy that the Rodeo Board drafted for the Commissioners review. Ron stated the only major changes were with the clause on the Native Americans location. Ron stated the Rodeo Board felt that it is important to have them within the fairgrounds like it used to be, not on the outskirts of the fairgrounds alongside the road. The other change that was brought up was that the Rodeo Board doesn’t feel they should have to pay to use the Gold Buckle club or the Rodeo Area. Ron stated the Rodeo Board does a lot of maintenance and clean up to get the fairgrounds up to par for the Labor Day Weekend, because the County staff is always behind in getting it ready in time. Ron stated if it wasn’t for the time and money they put into things our Rodeo wouldn’t be at the level that it is now.

Roger Weaver went over some of the things they would like to get money for to replace like the catwalk and section nine seating. He said the Rodeo Board would like to increase the infrastructure and revise the wording on the maintenance standards for the Rodeo grounds.

CHAIRMAN BOWEN felt that these were all great suggestions but that there would be more meetings to come before they could finalize the agreement. Chairman Bowen asked the Rodeo Board to come up with some solutions for the problems around the Rodeo grounds and bring that back to the Commissioners for another meeting. Chairman Bowen stated he hoped to get this agreement done soon but felt there were some issues to iron out and legal needed to review the agreement as well.
then we can bring the agreement to a level that everyone could agree on. Before the hearing where it will be finalized.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Mandy Robinson

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

David B. Bowen, Chairman

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