

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES  
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**THURSDAY**

**3:30 P.M.**

**APRIL 4, 2013**

Board members present: Chairman Obie O'Brien; Vice-Chairman Paul Jewell and Commissioner Gary Berndt.

Others: Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Matt Anderson, Facilities Maintenance Director; Patti Johnson, Solid Waste Director/Project Manager; Jim Goeben, IT Director; Sara Maes, Program Assistant.

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**SPECIAL MEETING**

**INTERNET CONNECTIVITY**

**COMMISSIONERS**

At 3:30 p.m. Chairman O'Brien opened a Special Meeting to receive an update from the Facilities Maintenance Director regarding Internet Connectivity at the Kittitas Valley Event Center.

Matt Anderson, Facilities Maintenance Director provided a map of the fairgrounds with the proposed wireless network layout. He explained that at the Rodeo/Fair joint meeting the Rodeo Board requested a solution be sought to accept scanned tickets at the fairgrounds as they will be taking electronic tickets at next year's rodeo. He stated that the Rodeo Board has a \$10,000.00 engineering plan that was drawn up but the County was able to provide a less expensive proposal. He reviewed what the County would be responsible for vs. the Rodeo Board. He explained that there is funding in the Rodeo Improvement Fund and the County responsibility would be no more than \$5,000. Jim Goeben, IT Director reviewed plan "B", and discussed working with the City of Ellensburg and the I-Net cost.

Commissioner Jewell questioned if there was potential to make money off the Event Center offering wifi. Mr. Anderson indicated that there wasn't but he didn't have any numbers at this time. Patti Johnson, Solid Waste Director/Project Manager gave a rough estimate on if they were charging \$5 dollars per user and charging on a weekend when the cow cutters are using the facility they could make approximately \$1,000.00, which would offer approximately a 5 month payoff for the County portion, so after that it would be an actual revenue source. Commissioner O'Brien stated that it would be important to set some of that money aside for repairs and upgrades to the network and that not all of the funding should be going back to the General Fund.

The Board gave Mr. Anderson examples of how to break out the revenue source in his budget narrative for next year.

**APPROVED**  
4/16/2013

Jim Goeben, IT Director stated that they would be able to have the network up and running by 8/15/13.

Mr. Anderson was directed to draft a Budget Amendment and bring it back at a later date for Board consideration.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

  
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Mandy Robinson

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Obie O'Brien, Chairman