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

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Mickey Webb, Event Center Director. Rodeo Board Members/Representatives: Gene Dana, Rick Cole, Ron Mitchell, Jeff Faltus, Kerry Clift, Mike Hajny, Bob Crowe, Megan Meeks and Brian Twardoski. Kittitas County Fair Board Members: Heather Harrell, Roylene Crawford, Chelsea Hajny and Greg Zempel.

SPECIAL MEETING RODEO BOARD CONTRACT DISCUSSION COMMISSIONERS

At 5:30 p.m. Chairman Berndt opened a Special Meeting to discuss with representatives from the Ellensburg Rodeo Board (ERB) the Contract they have with the County that will expire in 2016. He explained that this was a follow up meeting from October 16, 2015.

Commissioner Jewell reviewed the County’s talking points that were included in a letter sent to the Rodeo Board on January 20, 2015.

Brian Twardowski, Ellensburg Rodeo Board reviewed the talking points they sent to the Commissioners in an e-mail on January 20, 2015.

There was discussion on section 1 (terms) & 2 (Native American facilities) of the Ellensburg Rodeo Board’s talking points.

Commissioner Jewell stated that he would like to get a map of the Fairgrounds for future meetings to have a better understanding of the locations the ERB is talking about. He stated that he would like to meet with Staff and other impacted parties to review & map the proposed areas the ERB is interested in and weigh financial impacts.

There was discussion on section 1 (rental fee) of the County’s talking points. Kerry Clift, Ellensburg Rodeo Board asked the Commissioners if they would discuss the BoCC talking points for section 8 (security) since he and another ERB member were in attendance that could possibly address those concerns. The Board felt the discussion should take place when Clay Myers, Fair Board Member (security) was able to attend as well.

The BoCC and ERB determined that meeting monthly would allow them to address a few areas of concern at a time and then allow both groups time to discuss amongst themselves. The BoCC stated that they will
have Staff send out the next meeting date and notify the appropriate ERB members.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

Mandy Buchholz

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Gary Berndt, Chairman