

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONER'S AUDITORIUM
SPECIAL MEETING**

TUESDAY

1:30 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 26, 2017

Board members present: Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz and Commissioner Obie O'Brien. Excused: Chairman Paul Jewell.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Jill Scheffer, Event Center Director; Fair Board members: Clay Myers, Becky Sherley, and Heather Harrell; Jill Scheffer, Event Center Director; and 7 members of the Roping Club and Central Washington University Roping Club.

SPECIAL MEETING

FAIR/RODEO ARENA

COMMISSIONERS

At 1:30 p.m. Vice-Chairman Osiadacz opened a Special Meeting to hear concerns relating to the lack of maintenance at Rodeo Arena and surrounding areas.

Representatives of the local Roping Club; Barrel Racing Club and Central Washington University Rodeo Club expressed concerns relating to the conditions at the Rodeo Arena and surrounding areas at the Event Center. The group reviewed issues relating to there being no water availability; no roping chutes at the time of rental; dirty and unstocked restrooms, etc. It was mentioned the grounds had not been worked prior to their rental of the facility. They stated they'd like having one flat price for renting the facility so they don't receive surprise bills like they've been sent recently. The groups understand it's one of the cheapest facilities to rent in the State but said the other places are fully maintained. Another concern expressed was how there have been several double bookings. Representatives said they have rented the facility out for the same dates each year going back 25-30 years and they've never changed. The dates are in their signed contract so they shouldn't have any double bookings. They encouraged the County to look at obtaining a system to help alleviate any scheduling conflicts.

Commissioner Osiadacz thanked everyone for taking time to bring their comments and concerns to the Board and said it will help them plan in the future in hopes for a better product for customers who rent the facilities at the Event Center.

Commissioner O'Brien said they are looking into obtaining a new software system for the Event Center scheduling. He said some of the issues could be related to new employees and the significant increase in users.

APPROVED
10-17-17

Jill Scheffer, Event Center Director said she appreciated hearing the groups concerns and thanked them for their patience.

Meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD



Julie Kjørsvik

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



Laura Osiadacz, Vice-Chairman