

**KITTITAS COUNTY  
EC STUDY SESSION MINUTES  
BOCC CONFERENCE ROOM, 205 WEST 5TH ROOM 108 - ELLENSBURG  
Regular Meeting**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>May 22, 2023</b>
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Board members present: Vice-Chairman Brett Wachsmith, Commissioner Laura Osiadacz

**Others:** Kady Porterfield (Event Center Director), Lacie Dawson (Event Center Program Manager), Chris Horner (Prosecutor's office)

**1. Call to Order:** 10:01am

**2. Citizen Comments (1 min. time limit):** None

**3. Craig's Hill Updates:** Porterfield and Horner have been discussing with the City of Ellensburg (Geo tech, attorney, parks department) issues relating to the hill. Per the city Geo tech, there is no harm in doing cleanup (hill is stable enough to handle). A new retaining wall has been suggested; Porterfield proposed the KVEC maintenance department would maintain the clean up portion of the project, while the city would cover the cost of a new retaining wall and the installation. Porterfield and Horner will continue discussions with the City in regard to the hillside maintenance and boundary line adjustments to be made.

**4. Patriot Night Under the Lights Fireworks Discussion:** Porterfield is working with Stephanie on reviewing the new contract (changes have been made by the company after COVID). As per the new agreement, if they show and are set up on the day of the event, we would pay 80%. If we need to reschedule, there would be an additional charge of approximately \$3,844. Both commissioners are in support of the contingency plan.

**5. Approve Pyrotechnic Agreement for July 3<sup>rd</sup> Fireworks Show:** Commissioner Osiadacz moved to approve the Pyrotechnic Agreement for the July 3<sup>rd</sup> fireworks show. Vice-Chairman Wachsmith seconded the motion. Motion passes 2-0.

**6. Approve PSA with Spotlight Productions:** Will be using the same company as prior years. The price for the lighting has increased. Runaway June has taken a pay deduction as instruments will be provided by production company. Commissioner Osiadacz moved to approve the PSA with Spotlight Productions. Vice-Chairman Wachsmith seconded the motion. Motion passes 2-0.

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**8-1-23**

**7. Kittitas County Fair Updates:** Porterfield made a lodging tax request with the Rodeo and Chamber to partner on sponsoring a bus for fair. The logos are done for the 100 year celebration, poster is in progress. There was discussion of doing a ribbon cutting for Bloom (possibly during fair). Bob Eddings was able to find a 4-H group to do staple removal and painting of fence in the dog arena and Frontier Village. Posse barns will be used this year for Sheep/Goat preshow.

**8. Special Project Updates:** Alder Street paving will begin today. Big new logs and black gates are now replaced and up at the west end of the rodeo arena. Welding and powdercoating to be done to connect gates and current fence. Cow pens are to be installed this week. Water lines are also being run to the pens at the same time by the KVEC maintenance crew.


Vice-Chairman Wachsmith would like to set a meeting with Porterfield, City, Rodeo Board, and Treasurer Cziske to discuss project funding for rodeo arena.

**9. Director Spending Authorization Limit Discussion:** The spending authorization limit has not been changed since 1997 (\$10,000). Other departments have a limit of \$50,000. Vice-Chairman Wachsmith and Commissioner Osiadacz are supportive in moving the limit to \$50,000, to match other county departments. Porterfield will submit this in the form of a resolution for approval at an upcoming BOCC meeting.

**10. Other Business:** Vice-Chairman Wachsmith inquired about how the fencing is progressing as far as fencing off the entire grounds for security purposes. Porterfield has it on the WSDA Health and Safety grant list, but we will see how the priorities change, if there is a greater need for that grant money in this next biennium.

Meeting concluded at 10:48am

  
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Cory Wright, Chairman