

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

MONDAY	10:00 AM	April 27, 2026
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Board members present: Vice-Chairman Brett Wachsmith, Commissioner Laura Osiadacz

Others: Event Center Director Kady Porterfield, Maintenance and Solid Waste Director Patti Stacey

1. Call to Order 10:00am

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

3. Review and Approval of Change Order No. 7 for Rodeo Grandstands Project: Porterfield shared the staff report (attached) and requested Vice-Chairman's signature in absence of the Chairman. Commissioner Osiadacz moved to approve the change order. Vice-Chairman Wachsmith seconded the motion. Motion passes.

4. Grandstands Project Updates: Porterfield shared the staff report (attached) and added an update about the delays and progress of the contractor's rock picking of the arena to bring it back to original existing condition. This week's barrel race had to be cancelled, but we are currently on track to hold the 5-Header event. Patti Stacey shared information about a couple pending change order proposals that are being reviewed.

5. Red Cross Shelter Facility Plan: Porterfield shared the staff report (attached). There were no questions and all were in agreement it's a good thing to keep moving forward.

6. Approve Continued Use of Temporary Fair Aide: Porterfield shared the staff report (attached). Commissioner Osiadacz added that this proposal fits within the current processes allowed within the budget policy and has budget saving benefits. Commissioner Osiadacz moved to approve the continued use of a temporary fair aide for 2026. Vice-Chairman seconded the motion. Motion passes.

7. Update on City Sidewalk Project: Porterfield shared the staff report (attached). She added that she has a meeting scheduled on-site with the City today to do a walk-through. Stacey added that the electrical re-routing project for the future RV Park is being coordinated with this project. The City approved the permit last week and bids for the contract work are due next week. Bids were requested through use of the Small Works Roster given the size and scope of the project.

8. Other Business: Porterfield shared that KVEC just closed out the big Back Country Horseman event this weekend and feel it was a successful move for them to have their event in April over March. The weather was great and they had a great crowd in attendance.

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Porterfield shared that the Rodeo Association was able to secure the land the radio station was on, so that was positive news, so they didn't lose valuable space for Labor Day weekend. A question was brought up about the PUD property and potential future sale. Porterfield had not heard anything recent on when that could be happening but has been in discussion with the Rodeo Board about future uses, if it does come up for sale. The Commissioners both agreed this is something to keep on the radar as it is also a valuable piece of information regarding the KVEC Master Plan update in 2027 (pending budget approval).

Furthering discussion of updates to the Master Plan, the current bowling alley lease was mentioned, and Stacey shared their lease has been extended to the end of this year. She will be sending a letter to the lessee soon about not maintaining the parking lot area and requesting more information on future timeline of opening. Porterfield shared the Fair is still concerned about the future loss of the some of the parking area based on the terms in the lease. She would encourage a renegotiation on those terms upon a lease renewal to solve the detriment to the Fair.

9. Concluded at 10:32am

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Kady Porterfield


Cory Wright, Chairman