

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

MONDAY

2:00 P.M.

FEBRUARY 29, 2016

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board and Mickey Webb, Event Center Director.

SPECIAL MEETING MONSTER TRUCK/CARNIVAL/FISH FRY EVENT CENTER

At 2:00 p.m. Chairman O'Brien opened a Special Meeting to review a self-promoted program from Mickey Webb, Event Center Director.

Mickey Webb reviewed a prospectus for the Kittitas Valley Monster Truck, Carnival and Fish Fry weekend to be held from May 13 - 15, 2016 at the Event Center. He provided a summary with challenges/needs; a proposed budget; value/added benefits; advertising/marketing; sponsorship packages; as well as production schedule/milestones. He hoped it would become an annual event and be able to build on it in the future and have excess funds to help lessen the current Event Center deficit and move to a self-sustaining overall budget. The Board stated they did not want to take away any current sponsors of the Fair and asked Mickey to make sure that they knew the event was not related to the annual Labor Day Fair. The Board authorized Mickey to move forward in obtaining sponsorships and to report back to them by March 25, 2016 as well as begin taking the necessary steps to obtain a Noise waiver from the City of Ellensburg.

SPECIAL MEETING PHASE 1 RODEO ARENA SEATING EVENT CENTER

The Board reviewed a draft Phase 1 Pre-Design Report prepared by ALSC Architects for the Ellensburg Rodeo Arena Seating project. It was noted that the draft was more of a "wish" list. The estimated project cost for the replacement of the grandstands, including support functions was \$9,976,000.00 including professional fees, permits, payment and performance bond, twenty four month escalation, sales tax and contingency.

Commissioner Jewell expressed concerns of the cost as it's only really being used for 5 days a year and questioned how/who would

be covering the expense of the project (Rodeo Board, City of Ellensburg, County).

The Phase 2 would be more of what is realistic and design stage. The Board acknowledged that the arena seating is an important project and something needs to be done however, the overall project as proposed was extreme. Commissioner Berndt asked if there would be enough remaining to qualify as historical in order to obtain funding, or would there be other mitigation options. The Historic Assessment Report is required by the Washington State Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation and the fee is approximately \$6,659.00.

The Board directed Commissioner O'Brien and Mickey Webb to go back to the committee and have a conversation about the concerns relating to the expense and size of project.

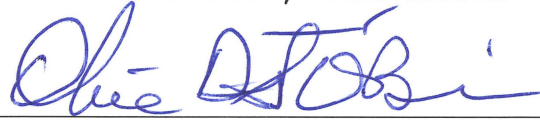
The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD



Julie Kjorsvik

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Obie O'Brien, Chairman