

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

THURSDAY

1:30 P.M.

JULY 27, 2017

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

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board II; Jill Scheffer, Event Center Director; Patti Johnson, Solid Waste/Maintenance Director/Project Manager; Mike Burtness, Representative of Mel's Bowl; and 2 members of the public.

SPECIAL MEETING

MEL'S BOWL

COMMISSIONERS

At 1:30 p.m. Chairman Jewell opened a Special Meeting to receive an update on a proposal for Mel's Bowl & Family Fun Center (MBFFC).

Mike Burtness, representing Mel's Bowl & Family Fun Center presented a letter addressing questions that came from the Special Meeting with the Board on June 27, 2017. He stated that they haven't received a quote for insurance but will abide by the requirements outlined in the memo from the County HR Director dated July 7, 2017. He stated that members of the advisory committee and the Board of Directors involved with Mel's Bowl have discussed the budget and feel that the number originally presented to operate the facility will stay the same (\$277,055.00). He stated that they are still in agreement with the 20% figure discussed with the County to collect of the gross earnings that Mel's Bowl & Family Fun Center earns. He noted that any exterior changes will require approval by the County before preceding and the same for interior structural changes of the building. Mr. Burtness stated that they have reached out to comparable facilities and feel that the figures they have come up with are very comparable. Mr. Burtness stated they will file for their non-profit status as soon as they get approval from the Board.

Molly Edson, Laughing Horse Board Member stated that they need the Boards support to begin fundraising. She stressed the urgency as this discussion has been dragging on for so long that people are beginning to lose interest and enthusiasm.

Chairman Jewell questioned how long of a lease Mr. Burtness was hoping to obtain. He explained that he recalled originally they were discussing a 10 year lease.

There was discussion of how expenses would be covered if the fun center doesn't succeed. Discussion on what MBFFC's break-even numbers would be.

Chairman Jewell stated that maybe a 5 year lease with a five year option would be better. Mr. Burtness agreed.


The Board stated that they would set an Executive Session to begin drafting/negotiating a lease and a Commissioner would be appointed as the point of contact for the MBFFC, and whoever is selected will reach out to Mr. Burtness and notify him once that's determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD


Mandy Buchholz

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Paul Jewell, Chairman