

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

MONDAY	10:00 AM	February 26, 2024
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Board members present: Chairman Brett Wachsmith, Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz,
Commissioner Cory Wright

Others: Kady Porterfield (Event Center Director), Robert Eddings (Fair Board President)

1. Call to Order: 10:00am

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

3. New Software and Tech Integration Update: Launching new reservation calendar program on March 1st called CalendarWiz. Our Program Manager, Lacie Dawson, has done a lot of research over the last six months and found this program that is perfect for her event management needs. It is also going to save us over \$9,000 in the budget, which will allow us to finish up some pending minor facility improvements. We are also working with the Treasurer's office to review a new point of sale system for the Event Center. It has great potential to streamline some of our financial practices.

4. CARE Act Overview: Kady shared the background and summary of the CARE (Carnivals Are Real Entertainment) Act being advocated for on the federal level. It has a huge positive impact on the carnival industry, if it passes, and the success of our carnivals is very important to the success of our fairs. Kady has been asking for support on the bill from our state representative, Kim Schrier.


5. Review Fair Parking Rate Changes: The Fair Board has reviewed a few of the parking rates at the Fair and has made some changes that will come forward in a Public Hearing on April 2nd. First, we will no longer be selling Livestock Parking passes in the Maintenance Lot and only allowing a few important service people (judges and vets) the ability to park there. We are also going to create a drop off and pick up lane with the freed-up space, which will allow our livestock exhibitors much better access and ability to drop off feed, equipment, and more throughout the day. Reserved parking permits at the bowling alley lot for Exhibitors is also going up to \$50 (very limited quantity). This is still a great deal as it's also \$10 to park each day up in the other lots that are not reserved parking spaces. Extra RV Vehicles are also going up to \$50 from \$25 as they already get a parking pass included with their RV spot.

6. Other Business: Kady was excited to announce we already have 15 applications to fill our upcoming vacant Accountant Assistant III position. There are many great candidates and it will be competitive, which is great to see. There has been no reply yet on the amendments made to the contract with the Friends of the Fair Foundation. There hasn't been any recent issues with drones or people mingling on the fairgrounds that have concerns about Craig's Hill for the last two weeks.

Meeting concluded at 10:17am.


Kady Porterfield

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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman