

M I N U T E S

Washington County Fair Board

Minutes of a work session of the Washington County Fair Board and Board of County Commissioners held Tuesday, February 8, 1982, in the Commissioners' Conference Room beginning at 4:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Charles Colegrove, Jeanne Leeson, John Love, Homer Speer, Margaret Sprecher, Wes Myllenbeck, Bonnie Hays, Eve Killpack, John Meek, Lucille Warren, Adeline Hesse, Valerie Bentley, Charlene McCart, Joan English, Dr. Kent Stephens, Rick Daniels, and Greg Hathaway.

County Counsel Hathaway reviewed his memo concerning commercial development of the fairgrounds. The County Commissioners can lease or sell a portion of fairgrounds property for commercial development if the Fair Board declares such property surplus.

Warren asked if the County leased the land could the proceeds go to the fair. Yes, there is nothing to restrict the revenue going to the fair. There is no guarantee that the revenue would come to the fair. Speer wants the fairgrounds to be assured of receiving the revenue through some legal means. Hathaway will check into legal ways for the fairgrounds to receive such revenue. The Fair Board will not declare any portion of the fairgrounds surplus unless they can be assured of receiving the revenue from commercial development of the property.

The Commissioners agreed the fairgrounds is in the right location and asked Hathaway to draft a policy stating that.

Warren is interested in the World Trade Center concept for the fairgrounds. Daniels recommended updating the fairgrounds 1975 long-range plan and then looking at options for fairgrounds development.

Cost for the long-range plan update is estimated at \$35,000 and is included in the fairgrounds 1983-84 budget request from the County. Commissioners agreed that starting the long-range plan update as soon as possible is important and asked English to find dollars in the current budget to fund the project. Fair Board could reimburse the County for update when development takes place.

The Fair Board will not proceed with the zone change application until after the update is completed.

Hathaway will present his findings on the revenue issue in 30 days. English will report next Tuesday, February 15, on money available for fairgrounds plan update.

Work session adjourned 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Bentley