

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

TUESDAY

1:00 P.M.

AUGUST 1, 2017

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

Others: Mandy Buchholz Deputy Clerk of the Board II; Mark Cook, Public Works Director and Lucas Huck, County Engineer.

SPECIAL MEETING

WIEHL ROAD UPDATE

COMMISSIONERS

At 1:00 p.m. Chairman Jewell opened a Special Meeting to receive an update regarding Wiehl Road from Public Works Director Mark Cook and County Engineer Lucas Huck.

Mark Cook, Public Works Director stated that originally their proposed solution to the Wiehl Road issues was an RID. He stated that Staff requested Prosecutor review. They reviewed the interpretation of statute, noting that the road and improvements funded by a Road Improvement District (RID) of Transportation Improvement District (TID) must be owned by the County and built to County standards, not private and referenced RCW 37.73.020 (1) & RCW 36.88.010. He stated that it would be a constitutional infirmity to use taxing authority to improve private (property) roads. Mr. Cook stated that there is an expedient cost associated with widening the road to 26 feet. He discussed the financial impacts and updated the Board about the landowner's petition they had signed.

There was discussion on the impacts to residents with the different options the Board has. Chairman Jewell felt the best bet would be going out for a Bond due to the cost associated with the project. He stated that this road needs to be fixed once and for all, and it is the County's responsibility. Mr. Cook asked the Board to allow for them to build to the 2005 Road Standards as that is when the Road/Project was initiated. He stated he would meet with the County Treasurer relating to the Bonding process.

The Board directed Mr. Cook to compile all options and impacts then present the Board. The Board stated that a meeting needs to be held with the neighbors and at that time the solution should be presented to them.

There was a brief discussion on REET 2.

Meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD


Mandy Buchholz

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Paul Jewell, Chairman