

**KITTITAS COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS STUDY SESSION MINUTES
COMMISSIONERS' AUDITORIUM, 205 WEST 5TH ROOM 109 - ELLENSBURG
Regular Meeting**

MONDAY

1:30 PM

July 23, 2018

Board members present: Chairman Laura Osiadacz; Vice-Chairman Obie O'Brien; Commissioner Cory Wright

Others: Mark Cook, Sara Folk, Candie Leader, Public Works; Dan Carlson, Steph Mifflin, Lindsey Ozbolt, Community Development Services; Seven(7) members of the public

REQUEST TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHAIR SIGNATURE ON A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE YAKIMA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE RECOVERY BOARD FOR REVEGETATION EFFORTS AT RINGER LOOP

At 1:30 pm Chairman Laura Osiadacz opened the Public Works Study Session. Mark Cook presented a Resolution Authorizing Chair Signature on a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Yakima River Basin Fish and Wildlife Recovery Board for Revegetation Efforts at Ringer Loop. Mark Cook stated that Kittitas County acquired 40 acres at Ringer Loop in 2017 and as a condition of the Recreation Conservation Office grant that was received for acquiring the property a restoration plan was to be done. Mark Cook continued that entering into this MOA will allow the work to be completed by the Bureau of Land Management's contractor that is performing work across the street of the property owned by Kittitas County. Discussion was held. Chairman Osiadacz called for a motion. Commissioner O'Brien made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-116 Authorizing Chair Signature on a Memorandum of Agreement with the Yakima Basin Fish and Wildlife Recovery Board for Revegetation Efforts at Ringer Loop. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion. Chairman Osiadacz appreciated staffs efforts in securing this agreement and the cost savings associated with it. Motion passed.

BOWERS FIELD LAND LEASE(S) DISCUSSION

Mark Cook stated that at the last agenda session with the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) staff presented a lease addendum for consideration. Mark Cook continued that at the BOCC's request the lease addendum was pulled to obtain legal consideration on the renegotiation terms. Mark Cook added that after discussion with staff the renegotiation clause can be

added to the lease as a part of the addendum along with the new rate and as the old leases come up for the five (5) year rate increase the renegotiation clause can be added to make the old leases consistent with the new ones. Discussion was held. Chairman Osiadacz called for a motion. Commissioner O'Brien made a motion to direct staff to add the renegotiation clause to the lease addendum(s) for BOCC consideration. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion. Motion passed.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN KITTITAS COUNTY AND CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY UPDATE

Mark Cook reported that the executed Memorandum of Agreement was received back from Central Washington University (CWU) and he would like to discuss how to formulate the Joint Operating Agreement Advisory Committee. Mark Cook stated that the county needs to decide what representation they want to begin discussions with CWU about the issues stated in the MOA. Mark Cook continued that the BOCC could solicit for a general aviation member, business aviation and possibly fire, life, safety member with staff supporting the committee. Discussion was held. Chairman Osiadacz asked if members of the public wanted to comment on the issue. A member of the public stated that the public and aviation community has objected to the MOA from the beginning and as written has conflicts. Members of the Airport Advisory Committee work for CWU and it would be in the best interest of the county to see if others express interest. Another member of the public commented that many people have shared their dismay with this agreement especially since conversations have been ongoing since last October. He added that he feels this MOA is a mistake and moving forward too fast. Commissioner O'Brien acknowledged the comments made and stated that staff needs direction in moving forward. Further discussion was held. Direction was given to do a press release for applications for anyone to apply after discussion with the Airport Advisory Committee.

PUBLIC FACILITIES GRANT FUNDING FOR 2019 DISCUSSION

Mark Cook gave background on how the process works for the Public Facilities grant funding and that staff is requesting to notice the Conference of Governments (COG) of the grant amount available for award once applications are scored and ranked. Mark Cook added that currently there is 1.1 million available leaving a reserve amount in the account as well. Chairman Osiadacz called for a motion. Commissioner O'Brien made a motion to approve noticing COG of 1.1 million in funds to be

awarded for the 2019 Public Facilities Grant Funding process. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion. Motion passed.

WIEHL ROAD RID FORMULATION UPDATE

Mark Cook gave background on the RID including the costs, County contribution and the process of formulation. Mark Cook stated that staff would like to send out an updated letter to the residents of Wiehl Road to reopen the dialogue on the project. Discussion was held. Chairman Osiadacz asked members of the public if they would like to comment on the topic. A member of the public stated that they have been working with Mark Cook for some time on this issue and the only negative comment he has is the new tax assessment statements that went out show a forty percent (40%) increase from the last one he received. A member of the public commented that he heard there is going to be another levy brought forward for Fire District No. 7 and this is another expense to be considered by residents. Staff was directed to send out an updated letter to the residents of the area and then move forward with the formulation process.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm.

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**


Candie Leader


Laura Osiadacz, Chairman