

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

MONDAY

1:30 PM

FEBRUARY 11, 2019

Board members present: Chairman Cory Wright; Commissioner Laura Osiadacz

Others: Mark Cook, Candie Leader, Public Works; Dan Carlson, Calvana Carper, Lindsey Ozbolt, Mike Flory, Community Development Services

At 1:51 pm Chairman Cory Wright opened the Public Works Study Session.

An additional item for discussion was added under Other Business: No. 6 Road Bridge Replacement Project

**REQUEST TO APPROVE A NOTICE OF CALL FOR SEALED BIDS FOR THE
PROCUREMENT OF A NEW BRIDGE FOR BIG BOULDER CREEK**

Mark Cook gave background on the project stating that in mid-2018 an issue was found during a bridge inspection that required a load rating to be placed on the structure. Mark Cook stated that after reviewing project timelines he is requesting to advertise for the procurement of the bridge prior to going out to bid for the construction phase of the project. Discussion was held. Chairman Cory Wright called for a motion to approve a Notice of Call for Sealed Bids for the Procurement of a new bridge for Big Boulder Creek. Commissioner Laura Osiadacz made said motion with Chairman Cory Wright seconding the motion. Motion passed 2-0.

ADDITION TO THE UPPER COUNTY TRAFFIC TASK FORCE

Mark Cook stated that at the last Upper County Traffic Task Force meeting it was discussed about the impacts the I-90 closures and slowdowns not only impact county roads and the City of Cle Elum but Easton is seeing impacts as well. Mark Cook continued that the Task Force voted to add a member to the Task Force to represent Easton. Mark Cook added that he is asking for direction from the Board on County Commissioners on how to proceed. Discussion was held. Staff was directed to have the Upper County Traffic Task Force discuss candidates and appoint the Easton representative at the next meeting.

BOWERS FIELD MOWING CONTRACT

Mark Cook stated that in 2016 staff advertised a solicitation for mowing services in the industrial area at Bowers Field. Mark Cook continued that the contract expired at the end of December and he is looking for direction on if the BOCC wants him to go out for another contract or wait for the pending action of hiring an Airport Manager.

Discussion was held. Staff was directed to wait to do the solicitation until the new Airport Manager is hired.

DRIVEWAY REQUIREMENTS DISCUSSION

Mark Cook stated that currently Kittitas County Road Standards have set a minimum driveway width of twelve feet (12') however; International Fire Code is twenty feet (20') in width as a requirement of new driveways. Mark Cook continued stating that staff had received direction approximately six months ago to formulate a committee to review the current road standards. Mark Cook added that it has been difficult to find people to serve on the committee and getting an update to them completed will take some time. Mark Cook explained that staff is now looking for direction on what requirement staff should follow when issuing new permits. Discussion was held. Staff was directed to bring the topic to the full Board of County Commissioners at the next study session, invite the Fire Marshal to attend and get some comments regarding the impacts of the change in the requirement from local developers.

WHISKEY/MERCER CREEK(S) FLOOD MODEL UPDATE

Mark Cook gave background on the flood flow model that was completed in Summer of 2018. Mark Cook continued that the City of Ellensburg was presented with the results of the project for their review and comment. Mark Cook stated that the City of Ellensburg noticed staff that they wanted to have a third party review of the results that were presented. Mark Cook added that the process took the City of Ellensburg three months to complete and in November 2018 County staff attended a presentation by the third party Consultant whose recommendation was to adopt the results of the original study. Mark Cook stated that the City of Ellensburg sent a letter of concurrence for the adoption of the results. Mark Cook continued that he and Commissioner Cory Wright received a request from two local developers to discuss the impacts of the study and staff committed to getting them some information that they requested. Mark Cook added that he just received a letter of the City of Ellensburg stating that they were withdrawing their original letter of concurrence and are asking for county staff to verify that it has been completed. Mark Cook explained that he was not contacted by any staff from the City of Ellensburg for discussions regarding this and was surprised by the notice to withdraw the letter considering the partnership that was being established between the City and County on projects. Mark Cook added that he is not looking for BOCC direction this is for informational purposes only. Discussion was held. No direction was given.

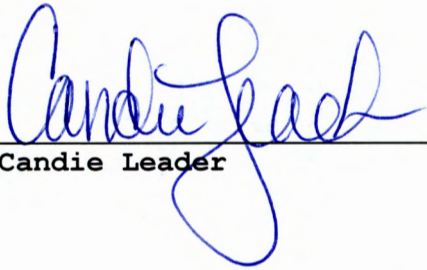
OTHER BUSINESS

NO. 6 ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

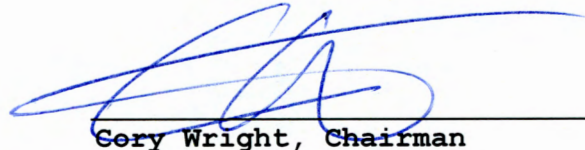
Mark Cook announced the No. 6 Road was reopened to traffic after the replacement of the bridge. Mark Cook stated that there are speed restrictions on the bridge until final paving and striping can be completed in the Spring. Chairman Cory Wright asked if there was any staff to recognize on the project. Mark Cook replied that recently the department had promoted Darren Case and that James Walters was assigned to the project and this was his first attempt at managing a project like this and he did a great job.

Meeting adjourned at 2:38 pm.

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



Candie Leader



Cory Wright, Chairman