

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

**MONDAY**

**1:00 PM**

**NOVEMBER 12, 2019**

Board members present: Chairman Cory Wright, Vice-Chairman Brett Wachsmith, Commissioner Laura Osiadacz

Others: Mark Cook and Candie Leader, Public Works and Two (2) Members of the Public

At 1:00 pm Chairman Cory Wright opened the Public Works Study Session.

Mark Cook stated he had no additional items to add to the agenda.

**REQUEST TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO COUNTY ENGINEER FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED SIX MONTHS ENDING APRIL 13, 2020**

Mark Cook stated that the one (1) year anniversary of the second extension of being acting County Engineer is expiring. Mark Cook gave background on the steps being made for the job description and the path to advertise for the position. Mark Cook added that the Board will be sending a letter to the County Road Administration Board (CRAB) summarizing the plan forward along with the resolution to extend his time as acting County Engineer if approved. Discussion was held. Vice-Chairman Brett Wachsmith made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-165 to appoint the Public Works Director to County Engineer for a period to not exceed six (6) months ending April 13, 2020. Commissioner Laura Osiadacz seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**REQUEST TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHAIR SIGNATURE ON CENTURY WEST ENGINEERING TASK ORDER NO. 2 - RUNWAY 7/25 REHABILITATION DESIGN**

Mark Cook gave background on the Department of Commerce grant in process for work at Bowers Field. Mark Cook stated that he requested a task order from Century West Engineering, the consultant for Bowers Field, for the design of Runway 7/25. Mark Cook continued that the original scope costs came in higher than expected. Mark Cook stated that he rewrote the scope with a cost that better fits the budget. Chairman Cory Wright inquired if this approval could be delayed so additional research could be done. Discussion was held. Vice-Chairman Brett Wachsmith made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-166 authorizing Chair signature on Century West Engineering Task Order No. 2 - Runway 7/25 Rehabilitation Design. Commissioner Laura Osiadacz seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

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**REQUEST TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHAIR SIGNATURE ON KPFF  
TASK ORDER NO. 16 - SUPPLEMENT NO. 3 FOR BIG BOULDER CREEK BRIDGE  
REPLACEMENT**

Mark Cook gave background on the project and the use of the bridge for recreational purposes. Mark Cook stated that once the original project went out to bid a mandatory site visit with any contractors wanting to bid was scheduled to look at the scope of work. Mark Cook continued that at this site visit three (3) contractors attended and stated that they would not be able to bid the project as presented. Mark Cook added that a redesign was done to place a temporary bridge and the task order being presented will be for the permanent structure. Discussion was held. Vice-Chairman Brett Wachsmith made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-167 authorizing Chair signature on KPFF Task Order No. 16 - Supplement No. 3 for Big Boulder Creek Bridge Replacement. Commissioner Laura Osiadacz seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**LIBERTY BRIDGE AT SWAUK CREEK DISCUSSION**

Mark Cook reported that Forest Service staff contacted him regarding an upcoming timber sale and the use of the bridge for the project. Mark Cook stated that currently the bridge is load rated and the load limits cannot be adjusted to utilize the bridge in its existing condition. Mark Cook continued that it could be possible to deploy a temporary bridge over the current structure to help facilitate this project however; further research needs to be done for this option. Mark Cook added that he is requesting direction from the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on the use of staff time and approximately a budget of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to explore options further. Discussion was held. Staff was directed to explore options using the budget suggested.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm



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Candie Leader

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Cory Wright, Chairman