

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

MONDAY

1:30 PM

JULY 27, 2020

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

Others: Mark Cook, Candie Leader, Justin Turnbull, Arden Thomas, Public Works; Dan Carlson, Lindsey Ozbolt, Calvana Carper, Jessica Miller, Bridget Pecht, Community Development Services; Mandy Robinson, Taylor Crouch, Commissioners Office; Tristen Lamb, Samantha Cox, Public Health, Neil Caulkins, Prosecuting Attorney's Office; Jim Goeben, Doug Fessler, IT; and Four (4) members of the Public.

At 1:30 pm Chairman Brett Wachsmith opened the Public Works Study Session.

REQUEST TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR'S SIGNATURE ON THE LOCAL AGENCY FEDERAL AID PROJECT PROSPECTUS FOR CLEAR ZONE INVENTORY - CRP 301-20

Candie Leader stated that the action being requested today was to get the funding obligated for the Clear Zone Inventory project and allow staff to move forward with identifying areas that pose safety hazards in the county. Chairman Brett Wachsmith made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-139 Authorizing the Chair's Signature on the Local Agency Federal Aid Project Prospectus for Clear Zone Inventory - CRP 301-20. Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

PUBLIC FACILITIES AND POTENTIAL EARLY PAYOFF OF SHADY BROOK BOND DISCUSSION

Mark Cook reported that the Public Facilities grant cycle is late this year and recently the Conference of Government (COG) was able to hold a meeting to discuss the option of paying down the bond for Shady Brook and staff is presenting the topic to report back to COG during a special meeting to be held this week. Mark Cook stated that it was originally thought that the .09 funding was going to end in 2023 but after consulting with legal counsel it appears that date has been extended to 2032. Mark Cook referenced the financial reports for Board review and commented that paying off this bond would save the Public Facilities Fund around two hundred and fifty-nine thousand dollars (\$259,000) in interest payments. Discussion was held. Staff was directed to follow up with COG and get a recommendation for Board consideration before any action will be taken.

APPROVED
8/4/2020

ESTABLISHMENT OF THOMPSON CANYON ROAD

Justin Turnbull gave background on the road stating that in 1963 the issue of unopened county right of way was discussed but no action was taken. Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz added that recently a member of the community was being harassed by residents along the road claiming they were trespassing, and she requested staff do some research on the issue. Mark Cook added that a public hearing would need to be scheduled and he would present an Engineer's Report to explain the unopened county right of way and the establishment of a primitive road along with financial impacts. Discussion was held. Staff was directed to set a public hearing at an upcoming agenda session.

ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL LENGTH TO PARKE CREEK ROAD

Justin Turnbull gave background on the easements on Parke Creek Road that were dedicated to the public for use. Justin Turnbull stated that this is like the establishment of Thompson Canyon Road, however, instead of unopened county right of way this area used easements to establish access. Discussion was held. Staff was directed to move forward with next steps.

STAFFING PROPOSAL FOR WATER RESOURCES PROGRAM

Arden Thomas stated that staff is looking for direction on the proposal being presented today. Arden Thomas gave background on the water mitigation and metering program and that a county employee that previously held this position had left. Arden Thomas continued that management thought this would be a good opportunity to reclassify the position and move it to Public Works. Discussion was held. The Board supports the proposal and staff was directed to move forward.

REQUIRED ORDINANCE CHANGES DISCUSSION

Arden Thomas stated that this item was discussed at the last study session held and staff was bringing forward the information requested by the Board for further discussion. Arden Thomas gave background on the FEMA mapping updates and that the Final Letter of Determination is ready to be issued by FEMA. Arden Thomas continued that she has prepared a list of code revisions for review to be adopted by Ordinance and a public hearing will need to be held for this action. Discussion was held. Staff was directed to move forward with the code updates as presented.

OTHER BUSINESS:


Chairman Brett Wachsmith stated that with the discussion of the bond payoff for Shady Brook, Judy Pless requested to get direction on possibly retiring the debt for the HVAC system for the jail through the 1/10th tax. Discussion was held. The Board requested more information from the Treasurer's Office and to schedule a follow up meeting with staff.

Meeting adjourned at 2:18pm

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Candie Leader



Brett Wachsmith, Chairman