

**KITTITAS COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS STUDY SESSION MINUTES
BOCC Auditorium and Webex
Regular Meeting**

MONDAY

1:30 PM

September 13, 2021

Board members present: Chairman Brett Wachsmith, Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz, and Commissioner Cory Wright (Virtual).

Others In-Person: Mark Cook, Rebecca Cruse, Public Works; Dan Carlson, Community Development Services; Jen Golladay, Treasurers Office.

Others Virtual: Mike Flory, Jessica Miller, Bridget Pechtelt, Community Development Services; Josh Fredrickson, Candie Leader, Public Works; Neil Caulkins, Prosecuting Attorney's Office; (3) Members of the Public.

At 1:51 pm Chairman Brett Wachsmith opened the Public Works Study Session.

TAX TITLE PROPERTY IN CURRIER CREEK ESTATES

Mark Cook informed the Board of County Commissioners that a small tract of land the county owns next to the Currier Creek Estates was reserved for utilities. Mark Cook continued that the City has been contacted and has no interest in annexing this portion and reserving from private ownership. Mark Cook added that Public Works maintains this land and looks to sell county owned tracts that serve no benefit for the county to keep within the City of Ellensburg. Mark Cook stated that staff will pursue the best options to sell, with one possibility being to auction the land.

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD VARIANCE COMMITTEE

Mark Cook gave background on the Road Variance Committee and expressed concern over the Committee becoming ineffective, and the committee's decision-making ability has become a disservice to county residents. Mark Cook would like to propose that the County Engineer make decisions on any deviation from road standards with the Director of Public Works having the final decision. The Public Works Director's decision could then be appealed to the Hearings Examiner. Discussion was held. Staff was directed to draft revisions to KCC 12.01.130 and KCC 15.01.040 to reflect the change.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 2:01PM, 2:32PM END EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Meeting adjourned at 2:32 pm.

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KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Rebecca Cruse, Administrative
Assistant



Brett Wachsmith, Chairman