

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

MONDAY

1:30 PM

April 22, 2024

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

Others: Josh Fredrickson, Arden Thomas, Cameron Curtis, Rebecca Cruse, Public Works; Chad Bala, Jessica Miller, Community Development Services; Jesse Eldred, Stephanie Hartung, Prosecuting Attorney's Office; No members of the public.

At 1:33 PM Chairman Brett Wachsmith opened the Public Works Study Session.

No Citizen Comments.

At 1:34PM the Board of County Commissioners announced they would recess into Executive Session for 10 minutes with Josh Fredrickson, Arden Thomas, Chad Bala, Stephanie Hartung, and Jesse Eldred per RCW 42.30.110 (i) To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. Action anticipated.

At 1:44PM the Board of County Commissioners extended the Executive Session for an additional 10 minutes.

At 1:54PM the Board of County Commissioners extended the Executive Session for an additional 5 minutes.

At 1:59PM the Board of County Commissioners reconvened out of Executive Session with direction to extend the warrant for 6-months.

REQUEST TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO AWARD THE 2024 ANNUAL PAINT STRIPE PROGRAM CONTRACT

Josh Fredrickson stated one bid was received for 2024 Annual Paint Striping Program and requested the Board of County Commissioners approve Resolution 2024-072 awarding the contract to Stripe Rite Inc. Vice Chairman Laura Osiadacz moved to approve Resolution 2024-072 and Commissioner Cory Wright seconded the motion. Resolution 2024-072 approved.

FRANCHISE AGREEMENT TRANSFERS AND RENEWALS

Josh Fredrickson briefed the Board of County Commissioners on circumstances that have arisen involving the transfer of agricultural franchises as land is developed for residential use or ownership changes. Josh Fredrickson stated the infrastructure is predominantly for conveyance of irrigation water and Public Works staff have identified expired Franchise Agreements and currently don't have a fee for renewal or transfer of these agreements. Staff was directed to move forward to identify infrastructure and development of a process for renewal or transfer.

KITTITAS HIGHWAY AT NO.6 ROAD

Josh Fredrickson stated that staff is working toward alternatives for the intersection of Kittitas Highway at No.6 Road including removal of fence in the county right-of-way and working with a property owner to remove hedges hindering the view. Josh Fredrickson stated the LED signs were previously installed, stop bars will be added on No.6 Road and for future improvements additional right-of-way will be needed. Staff was directed to move forward with removal of the vinyl fence in the county right-of-way at the intersection.

2024 DROUGHT RESPONSE

Arden Thomas gave an overview of the state-wide drought declared by Washington State and requested the Board of County Commissioners support to implement Kittitas County 2024 Rural Area Drought Management Plan. Arden Thomas identified three aspects staff focused on including: outreach to users to be water efficient with their outdoor use of ground water, identifying projects that may be eligible for State drought relief grant funding, and moving forward with the drought-year water leasing program.

CLE ELUM FILLING STATION

Arden Thomas stated that City of Cle Elum implemented code changes on March 26th, 2024, that halted uses of the water filling station located in South Cle Elum. Arden Thomas stated staff is working to identify a solution for potable water, as well as water for fire suppression. Discussion pursued on the possible solutions and scenarios. Arden Thomas stated that these are county residents affected by the City of Cle Elum's decision and residents currently don't have an option for a fill site or private water hauler. Chad Bala reiterated that the water users dependent on the fill stations need quality water. Staff was directed to continue to explore options.

Meeting concluded at 2:16 PM

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Rebecca Cruse, Administrative
Assistant



Brett Wachsmith, Chairman