



KITTITAS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Mark Cook, Director

STUDY SESSION MINUTES September 25, 2017

THOSE PRESENT: Paul Jewell, Laura Osiadacz, Obie O'Brien (BOCC); Mark Cook, Luke Huck, Candie Leader (DPW)

GUESTS PRESENT: Paul Beiter

REQUEST TO APPROVE ENABLING DOCUMENTS FROM THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2017 PUBLIC HEARING TO REDUCE THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT ON CARROLL ROAD:

Luke reported that a public hearing was held on the speed reduction on Carroll Road on September 13, 2017, the Board heard from several members of the public and staff and it was the Board's direction to prepare enabling documentation to reduce the speed limit to 35 mph and deploy compression brake signage on the roadway. Luke presented the ordinance for approval.

Board Direction:

Commissioner Jewell called for a motion. Commissioner Osiadacz made a motion to approve the enabling documents from the September 13, 2017 Public Hearing to reduce the posted speed limit on Carroll Road. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion with discussion. Discussion was held. Ordinance No. 2017-008 was approved as presented two votes to one.

SPECIAL AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE:

Mark commented that staff recently held a special airport advisory committee meeting to hear a presentation from HLA, an engineering firm out of Yakima and current consultant for the Yakima Airport. This meeting was at the Board's direction to find a second opinion on Runway 7/25 closure. Mark continued that the meeting was well attended. HLA presented their qualifications and suggested scope of work. At the conclusion of the meeting the advisory board voted to accept HLA as the consultant to provide the scope of work staff had presented. Mark continued that the scope will include some geotechnical testing performed on the runway and gave background on the specifics of this testing. The next phase will be contract negotiations and is hoping to have this done within the next thirty days. Discussion was held.

Board Direction:

No Direction.

OTHER BUSINESS:

LETTER FROM PAUL BEITER:

Mark presented the letter from Paul Beiter stating his interest of acquiring the Carrera Hangar at Bowers Field. Mark gave background on the hangar including the most current incident of the fire that occurred at the hangar. Mr. Beiter is inquiring as to the terms and conditions that would be involved if he was to purchase the buildings. Currently, Carrera Hangars has submitted to the Kittitas County Building Department plans for repairing the damaged units from the fire and this permit is ready for issuance. Mark went over the terms and questions that are stated in the letter and discussion was held with Mr. Beiter explaining his time frame, interest in the hangars and background in the aviation field. Discussion was held.

Board Direction:

Work with Mr. Beiter to explore the options presented for his request to purchase the Carrera Hangars.

CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY UPDATE/FIXED BASED OPERATION SERVICES:

Mark stated that in the lease assignment that was approved between Midstate Aviation and Central Washington University stated that on or about November 8, 2017 the fixed base operator services would terminate with Midstate Aviation. There will be a period of time where we could, if we find a willing provider, secure a package of services that would go forward after November 8, 2017, that conversation started today with Central Washington University, however, the Board of County Commissioners would have to advertise for FBO services in the absence of Midstate Aviation. The conversation had with Central Washington University that morning was to see if they would have interest in this service ahead of the November 8, 2017 date. Mark continued that the airport standards have not been updated in the last twenty years and they need to be redone, recognizing the process being complex and lengthy, requiring a comprehensive plan amendment since they are in county code. Mark added that he is suggesting that if a suite of services can be agreed upon to roll with the lease assignment it may serve the airport well. Mark continued that the question to be researched is if this can be done without an advertisement for services. Discussion was held.

Board Direction:

No Direction.



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