

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

**MONDAY**

**1:30 PM**

**MAY 13, 2019**

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

Others: Mark Cook, Candie Leader, Public Works; Dan Carlson, Lindsey Ozbolt, Calvana Carper, Jessica Miller, Community Development Services and Two (2) Members of the Public

At 1:37 pm Chairman Cory Wright opened the Public Works Study Session.

Mark Cook requested to remove Item No. 3 - Request to Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Director of Public Works to Authorize a Notice of Call for Bids for the Weihl Road Improvements Project. Mark Cook stated that on Friday staff received comments from Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife which will require design changes to avoid going out to bid and issuing an addendum to the project.

**REQUEST TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO COUNTY ENGINEER FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED SIX MONTHS ENDING NOVEMBER 13, 2019**

Mark Cook stated that Public Works has not had any new applicants for the position of County Engineer and the current six month appointment done by the Board expires on May 23, 2019. Mark Cook continued that the wage range has been adjusted in an attempt to attract applicants. Mark Cook added that the Resolution before the Board for consideration today would extend Interim status to November 13, 2019 and if no additional candidates apply a meeting to discuss reorganization should be had. Chairman Cory Wright called for a motion to approve Resolution 2019-077 to Appoint Public Works Director to County Engineer for a Period Not to Exceed Six Months Ending November 13, 2019. Vice-Chairman Brett Wachsmith made a motion to approve with Commissioner Laura Osiadacz seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**REQUEST TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO AUTHORIZE A NOTICE OF CALL FOR BIDS FOR THE TEANAWAY ROAD HYDRAULIC IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 1: STORY CREEK CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Mark Cook gave background on the project stating that this is a Federal project and it is to replace an existing culvert with a fish passage. Mark Cook stated that this is one of two projects with the second project being Lick Creek and Story Creek is scheduled for the 2020 construction season. Commissioner Laura Osiadacz thanked Mark

Cook on the work done on this project. Chairman Cory Wright called for a motion to approve Resolution 2019-078 Authorizing the Director of Public Works to Authorize a Notice of Call for Bids for the Teanaway Road Hydraulic Improvements Phase 1: Story Creek Culvert Replacement Project. Vice-Chairman Brett Wachsmith made a motion to approve with Commissioner Laura Osiadacz seconding the motion. Motion passed.

**REQUEST TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO AUTHORIZE A NOTICE OF CALL FOR BIDS FOR THE BIG BOULDER CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Mark Cook stated that during a bridge inspection staff found sufficient damage to the bridge at Big Boulder Creek to issue a load rating for the bridge and the need to get a project together to replace the structure. Mark Cook continued that this bridge is used for recreational purposes and there are some residences in the area. Discussion was held. Chairman Cory Wright called for a motion to approve Resolution 2019-079 Authorizing the Public Works Director to Authorize a Notice of Call for Bids for the Big Boulder Bridge Replacement Project. Vice-Chairman Brett Wachsmith made a motion to approve with Commissioner Laura Osiadacz seconding said motion. Motion passed.

**BOWERS FIELD CONSULTANT SCOPE OF WORK DISCUSSION**

Mark Cook stated that after conducting interviews for the Airport Manager position it was discussed to suspend advertisement and explore other options for the management of Bowers Field. Mark Cook continued that at the request of the Board he drafted a scope of work to package into a Request for Qualifications. Mark Cook added that he presented the scope of work to the Airport Advisory Committee at last week's meeting and has not received any comments. Discussion was held. Mark Cook asked for direction on the selection committee once submittals are received and staff was directed that the Board of County Commissioners, a member of the Airport Advisory Committee and either himself or Candie Leader will review the submittals for scoring. Commissioner Laura Osiadacz thanked Mark Cook for working on this and thinks this is a good step forward for Bowers Field.

**KITTITAS COUNTY 2019 SAFETY PLAN**

Mark Cook explained that staff has been working on finalizing the safety plan when on Friday afternoon notice was received that Public Works was approved for funding for the overlay of Vantage Highway. Mark Cook stated that when the wind towers were constructed the roadway was damaged by trucks delivering equipment for the project. Mark Cook continued that the safety plan called for bridge rail retrofits however with this award staff would like to bundle the RAP funds for the overlay and reprioritize the safety plan targeting rail replacement along Vantage Highway. Mark Cook added that once the plan is finalized staff will bring forward at the May 21<sup>st</sup> agenda for

approval and will send out the plan individually for Board review prior to the agenda.

**MAIN STREET - VANTAGE SPEED STUDY RESULTS**

Mark Cook stated that a complaint of speeding and the use of compression brakes on Main Street in Vantage. Mark Cook presented the results showing speeding is occurring between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm in the area. Mark Cook continued that this information can be used for enforcement due to the targeted times shown in the study. Mark Cook is recommending interactive speed signs be deployed and outreach to the local hay companies on the use of compression brakes in the area. Staff was directed to keep the Board updated on the outcome of the sign deployment and outreach.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Chairman Cory Wright called for other business with Commissioner Laura Osiadacz requesting an Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110(b) - To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Ten (10) minutes was requested.

Entered into executive session at 2:04 pm  
Adjourned at 2:14 pm. Direction was given.

Meeting adjourned at 2:14 pm.

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

  
Candie Leader

  
Cory Wright, Chairman