

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

MONDAY

1:30 PM

OCTOBER 28, 2019

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

Others: Mark Cook and Candie Leader, Public Works; Calvana Carper, Dan Carlson, Lindsey Ozbolt, Community Development Services; Lisa Young, Human Resources and Three (3) Members of the Public

At 1:31 pm Chairman Cory Wright opened the Public Works Study Session.

Mark Cook stated it was his understanding that Agenda Item #3 - University Way and Reecer Signal Discussion is being removed from discussion.

2019 CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Mark Cook gave background on the Big Boulder Bridge Replacement Project and adding that the temporary bridge is in place. Mark Cook continued that discussions with KPFF to draft a task order for the redesign the permanent bridge. Mark Cook added the cost is estimated at sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) with work to be performed in 2020.

Mark Cook stated that the Story Creek culvert project is complete. Mark Cook gave background on the project adding that this project is the first of the Federal Highway Administration grants that were awarded to Kittitas County for improvement of hydraulics in the Teanaway. Mark Cook added that the project got off to a slow start; however, the contractor delivered the project on time and on budget.

Mark Cook gave background on Weihl Road and the court decision to void the Road Improvement District that was formed to assist in the cost of the project. Mark Cook stated that guardrail was to be installed today and some striping needs to be completed then the project can be closed out. Mark Cook explained the engineering on the wall that was placed and that the original design was rejected. Mark Cook continued that the bid included the wall and materials as a unit and this left the contractor with more material than originally bid. Mark Cook added that an additional conversation will need to be had about a possible cost adjustment for this item. Mark Cook commented that the contractor did a good job on the project.

Mark Cook mentioned that the Fairview Road project is pending right of way negotiation and this project is scheduled for 2020.

Mark Cook stated that the signal at Reecer Creek and University Way

design may be completed by January and the City of Ellensburg has a link on their website on the project that is hosted by the consultant working on the project.

LICK CREEK UPDATE

Mark Cook stated that staff has been communicating with the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on this project as new information is received. Mark Cook continued that this is the second of two projects with the Federal Highway Administration for hydraulics in the Teanaway. Mark Cook added that this project has stalled due to issues regarding reconnecting to the river which was the county's preferred plan. Mark Cook commented that there has been opposition from the residents in the area and Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) requested an additional study on the project. Mark Cook stated that staff spent ten (10) months analyzing and collecting data and staff included the technical memo with this briefing for BOCC review. Mark Cook added that additional modeling was done with culverts in the area open and plugged to show any adverse impacts and after meeting with WDFW it is clear that the path forward is to do a bridge replacement only. Discussion was held. Commissioner Laura Osiadacz commented that she would hate to see all the time and effort on this project go to waste. Mark Cook added that the county had a committed path on this project but it is not going to work so it's time move ahead.

Meeting adjourned at 1:48 pm



Candie Leader

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Cory Wright, Chairman