

**KITTITAS COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS STUDY SESSION MINUTES
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Regular Meeting**

MONDAY

1:30 PM

FEBRUARY 22, 2021

Board members present: Chairman Brett Wachsmith, Commissioner Cory Wright

Others: Mark Cook, Darren Case, Arden Thomas, Candie Leader, Josh Fredrickson, Rebecca Cruse, Nicole Ogan, Public Works; Dan Carlson, Jessica Miller, Jeremy Johnston, Bridget Pecthel, Community Development Services; Neil Caulkins, Prosecuting Attorney's Office and Two (2) Members of the Public

At 2:10 pm Chairman Brett Wachsmith opened the Public Works Study Session.

FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE VACANCY

Arden Thomas gave background on the Flood Control Zone District Advisory Committee bylaws and vacancy and stated that staff received three (3) applications for consideration. Chairman Brett Wachsmith inquired about the Advisory Committee making the selection and Arden Thomas commented that she could have the Advisory Committee review the applications if the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) requested it. Mark Cook added that the Advisory Committee was formed by the BOCC, so this committee is unique to others. Discussion was held. Commissioner Cory Wright made a motion to appoint Jan Ollivier to the Flood Control Zone District Advisory Committee and Chairman Brett Wachsmith seconded the motion. Motion passed.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH KITTITAS COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Arden Thomas stated that in 2017 when the Wilson-Naneum Cherry Watershed Assessment was completed it identified the Whiskey Creek at Ellensburg Water Company Siphon as an immediate action that could be taken to reduce flood risk and fish passage needs. Arden Thomas continued that Kittitas County Conservation District (KCCD) is well suited to lead this project due to their experience working with irrigation companies and districts on similar projects. Arden Thomas added that staff is seeking direction on bringing forward the enabling documents to enter into an agreement with KCCD. Staff was directed to bring forward enabling documents for consideration.

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PUBLIC WORKS PERMIT FEE REVIEW

Mark Cook gave background on the Public Works fees update and model that was done in 2017 and stated that staff has been tracking time on permits and projects to get an understanding of where costs and recovery is at. Mark Cook stated that currently there are too many permits exist and reducing the number of permits reduces job coding and better tracking of actual time spent. Discussion was held. Staff was directed to continue with the fees update and schedule a joint meeting with Community Development Services for further discussion.

FISH LAKE ROAD ADDRESSING

Mark Cook gave background on the history and maintenance of Fish Lake Road (Forest Service Road 4330) and the replacement of Big Boulder Creek Bridge by the County in 2020. Mark Cook continued that with renewed maintenance demands along the road, it is time to claim road ownership in the County's Road Log that is utilized by the County Road Administration Board. Mark Cook added that there are a few county residents on the road and readdressing them to reflect Fish Lake Road formalizes the action. Mark Cook stated that Public Works would recommend waiving the address application fee to the residents in the area. Discussion was held. Staff was directed to contact the Forest Service for a broader discussion and solicit the residents for feedback and report back to the Board for additional discussion.

MANASTASH ROAD CREEK BANK STABILIZATION AND SNO PARK AMENDED LOCAL AGENCY FEDERAL AID PROJECT PROSPECTUS

Darren Case stated that recently the Board of County Commissioners executed a Washington State Department of Transportation Local Agency Federal Aid Project Prospectus for the preliminary engineering of the Manastash Road Creek Stabilization and Sno Park Improvement project. Darren Case continued that an error was made in the agreement for the engineering amount and staff will be bringing forward an amended Local Agency Federal Aid Project Prospectus for consideration at the next Board agenda session. No action was taken.

TITLE 10 AMENDMENT ACKNOWLEDGING CITY OF ELLENSBURG 2020 ANNEXATION OF COUNTY MANAGED ELLENSBURG URBAN GROWTH AREA

Mark Cook stated that the City of Ellensburg recently complete the annexation of properties known as Currier Creek into the city limits. Mark Cook continued that after discussion with the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, an administrative action through an Ordinance needs to be taken to reflect the changes to stop, yield and speed signs within this area. Mark Cook added that staff will prepare the enabling documents for consideration at an upcoming agenda session.

MOUNTAINS TO SOUND GREENWAY 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Mark Cook stated he was bringing this topic forward to introduce prior to the workshop to discuss the 2016 Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan scheduled for later in the week. Mark Cook continued that he had some discussion with Commissioner Cory Wright on the goals listed in the annual report from Mountains to Sound Greenway for 2020 and the goal listed as number five (5) on the report does seem to fit into the path forward on updating the PROS plan and involving the County more in decisions being made regarding initiatives that may likely impact County resources. Discussion was held. Staff was directed to contact Mountains to Sound Greenway and notice them of County staff involvement.

OTHER BUSINESS:

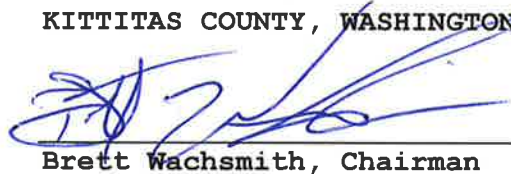
There was no other business for discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 2:58 pm.



Candie Leader

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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman