

**KITTITAS COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS STUDY SESSION MINUTES
Commissioners' Auditorium and Webex
Regular Meeting**

MONDAY

1:30 PM

APRIL 25, 2022

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

Others: Mark Cook, Candie Leader, Public Works; Dan Carlson, Jeremy Johnston, Jeremiah Cromie, Jeremy Larson, Stephanie Mifflin, Jessica Miller, Community Development Services; Kristine Foreman, Human Resources; Jim Goeben, Information Technology; and One (1) Member of the Public

At 2:00 pm Chairman Laura Osiadacz opened the Public Works Study Session.

RIDGECREST ROAD AND ACCESS ISSUES

Mark Cook gave background on Ridgecrest Road and the land use decisions in the surrounding area and how those decisions have affected the access/road issues. Mark Cook stated that a few years ago staff had conversations regarding the development of a Road Improvement District for Ridgecrest and the possibility of the road being used as an alternate access to the Teanaway area as an evacuation route. Mark Cook continued that a property owner has been granted permits from other county departments and they are now requesting an access permit, however, the road is not built to current standards and has been certified, so no access permit can be granted. Mark Cook stated that there are a few options for Board consideration that include a road maintenance agreement between the property owners, a road improvement district, a variance application submitted for consideration, or a voluntary restrictive covenant placed on title for other properties in the area. Mark Cook added that a hold harmless agreement could be reviewed as well. Pat Deneen was in attendance and gave public comment regarding his support for the suggestions being made by Public Works. Discussion was held. Staff was directed to research Ridgecrest Road as a possible evacuation route and work with legal to determine if a voluntary covenant or hold harmless agreement is feasible.

FISCAL DEPARTMENT STAFFING AND CAYENTA SOFTWARE UPGRADE DISCUSSION

Mark Cook stated that the current Finance Manager for Public Works will be retiring at the end of December 2022. Mark Cook continued that Public Works would like to hire a new Finance Manager ahead of that retirement for training purposes and discussion was held that current savings from vacant positions can cover the cost of the

additional hire. Mark Cook added that Public Works recently learned of an upgrade being schedule to Cayenta and that Fiscal Analyst, Scott Casey has extensive knowledge of the program and would need to be involved in the upgrade process. Mark Cook commented that with this project, the need for additional help is necessary. Discussion was held.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 42.30.140(4)(B) THAT PORTION OF A MEETING DURING WHICH THE GOVERNING BODY IS PLANNING OR ADOPTING THE STRATEGY OR POSITION TO BE TAKEN BY THE GOVERNING BODY DURING THE COURSE OF ANY COLLECTIVE BARGAINING, PROFESSIONAL NEGOTIATIONS, OR GRIEVANCE OR MEDIATION PROCEEDINGS, OR REVIEWING PROPOSALS MADE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS OR PROCEEDINGS WHILE IN PROGRESS.

The Board entered Executive Session at 2:42 pm to discuss collective bargaining for ten minutes. Action is anticipated. The Board exited Executive Session and 2:53 pm and entered into Executive Session for an additional ten minutes. The Board exited Executive Session at 3:03 pm and staff was directed to negotiate two separate Memorandum of Understanding(s).

Additionally, staff was directed to advertise for a Finance Manager.

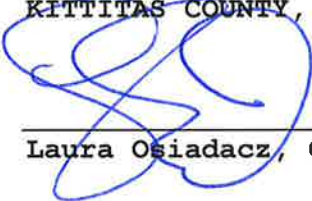
OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business for discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm.



Candie Leader

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Laura Osiadacz, Chairman