

**KITTITAS COUNTY  
PUBLIC WORKS STUDY SESSION MINUTES  
In-Person and Webex  
Regular Meeting**

**MONDAY**

**1:30 PM**

**September 12, 2022**

Board Members Present: Chairman Laura Osiadacz, and Vice-Chairman Cory Wright.

Others: Mark Cook, Josh Fredrickson, Rebecca Cruse, Public Works; Dan Carlson, Jeremy Larson, Jeremiah Cromie, Steph Mifflin, Jessica Miller, Toni Berkshire, Community Development Services; Darren Higashiyama, Chris Whitsett, Sheriff Department; (3) Members of the Public.

At 1:56 pm Chairman Laura Osiadacz opened the Public Works Study Session.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

No Comments

**REQUEST TO ACKNOWLEDGE A RESOLUTION NUMBER CORRECTION FROM AUGUST 8, 2022, PUBLIC WORKS STUDY SESSION FROM 2022-159 TO 2022-175 ESTABLISHING COUNTY ROAD PROJECT NUMBER SUPPORTING CONSTRUCTION OF A TURNAROUND AT THE END OF MICHELLETO ROAD**

Mark Cook requested acknowledgment of a correction on recent Resolution number 2022-159 to 2022-175. Vice-Chairman Cory Wright motioned to acknowledge and approve the correction. Chairman Laura Osiadacz seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**REQUEST TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHAIR SIGNATURE ON AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN KITTITAS COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT AND CITY OF ELLENSBURG**

Mark Cook briefed the Board of County Commissioners on continued support provided to the City of Ellensburg to complete current floodplain restoration projects. Mark Cook requested Chair signature on this final interlocal agreement. Discussion was held. Vice-Chairman Cory Wright motioned to approve Resolution 2022-176 authorizing Chair signature on an Interlocal Agreement between Kittitas County Flood Control Zone District and City of Ellensburg. Chairman Laura Osiadacz seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**DRAFT SIX-YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN (2023-2028) AND ANNUAL CONSTRUCTION PLAN DISCUSSION**

Josh Fredrickson, County Engineer, briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the proposed 2023-2028 Transportation Plan. Josh Fredrickson stated that staff has set-up online public comment for

the plan and (2) open houses scheduled for the public to attend this week. Josh Fredrickson requested to set a public hearing and anticipate adoption of the Transportation Plan on October 4, 2022. The Board of County Commissioners requested a link to post to Facebook, and support scheduling a Public Hearing.

#### **USDA COMMUNITY WILDFIRE DEFENSE GRANT FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION**

Mark Cook briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the current strategy to secure the USDA grant funding available. Mark Cook stated that staff is working with Fire Officials and Emergency Management to prepare the grant and is focused on identifying specific corridors for improvement with the State plan for aligning with problem control lines. Mark Cook continued that the grant would require a large match fund and staff is looking into available assistance for those funds. Discussion was held. The Board supports staff efforts toward securing the necessary funding for grant match.

#### **SURVEY DRONE PROCUREMENT REQUEST**

Mark Cook requested the Board of County Commissioners support the procurement of a drone for use by the Kittitas County Surveyor. Mark Cook stated that the cost for the drone may be offset by the Flood Control Zone District for the drone's Lidar capabilities and traversing difficult terrain. Mark Cook requested Board support of an RFP for procurement to be completed at upcoming Agenda Session. The Board supports moving forward with drone acquisition.

#### **DUNFORD BARN UPDATE**

Mark Cook stated he is in discussion with the owner of the Historic Dunford Barn on Hwy 97 about possible acquisition by Kittitas County Public Works. Mark Cook added that should Kittitas County acquire the barn by donation the vision is for public access to the area, parking, and facilities.

#### **VANTAGE HIGHWAY OVER CASCADE CANAL BRIDGE REPLACEMENT BID OPENING**

Mark Cook updated the Board of County Commissioners on the bids received for the bridge replacement on Vantage Highway over Cascade Canal. Mark Cook stated that bids came in above estimate due to inflation and rising material costs. The Board of County Commissioners support awarding to the lowest bidder.

Meeting concluded at 2:41 pm.

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Rebecca Cruse, Administrative  
Assistant



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Laura Osiadacz, Chairman