

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

MONDAY

1:30 PM

October 9, 2023

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

Others: Mark Cook, Josh Fredrickson, Arden Thomas, Rebecca Cruse, Public Works; Jessica Miller, Jamey Ayling, Community Development Services; Stephanie Hartung, Prosecuting Attorney's Office; 2 members of the public.

At 1:34 PM Chairman Cory Wright opened the Public Works Study Session.

No Citizen Comments.

NO. 81 ROAD SPEED STUDY

Josh Fredrickson briefed the Board of County Commissioners on a request to reduce speed on the section of No. 81 Road from Vantage Highway to Lyons Road. Josh Fredrickson presented the findings of the most current Traffic Study conducted for the duration of 1-week in September 2023. Based on the findings The Board of County Commissioners declined to hold a public hearing and request Staff to analyze the cost for Public Works to conduct a Speed Study.

2023 ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2019 KITTITAS COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Arden Thomas briefed the Board of County Commissioners on progress made this year with the Kittitas County Hazard Mitigation Plan and highlighted the Flood Control Zone District and bridge infrastructure. Arden Thomas stated staff seeks support to include a multi-jurisdictional steering committee to address fire risk. The Board directed staff to publish a press release.

2023 NOISE ORDINANCE UPDATE

Mark Cook stated that he researched the County Noise Ordinance as directed and the code has been reviewed for compliance by the Prosecuting Attorney's Office. Chairman Cory Wright appreciated Staff efforts. Commissioner Laura Osiadacz stated that the Sheriff's Department has expressed that they cannot enforce noise complaints due to the current County Code and she will move forward to engage the Sheriff Department in discussing their concerns.

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BAKER'S ACRES PETITION REQUEST

Mark Cook briefed the Board of County Commissioners on a request received by community members to install a gate at the intersection of Bakers/Winston Roads to limit contractor traffic servicing Suncadia. The Board approves of this action and directs staff to reach out to the quarry property owner, Fire District and Suncadia and proceed.

INTERSTATE 90 BRIDGE REPAIR UPDATE

Mark Cook briefed the Board of County Commissioners on WSDOT's repair of the Vantage Bridge and anticipated 3-4 years of construction. Staff have begun working with WSDOT to address emergency response, a mutual aid agreement, and the overall local impact due to construction closures of the bridge. Mark Cook stated he and Josh Fredrickson will be participating in a tabletop exercise with the agency and return with their findings.

OTHER BUSINESS- BOWER'S FIELD OLD PALLET MILL SITE

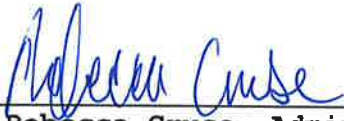
Mark Cook gave an update to the Board of County Commissioners on the Road Crew's clean-up at the Pallet Mill Site and stated they have removed 110 loads of debris. Staff will be updating the Board on costs incurred with this project in a few weeks.

At 2:09PM the Board of County Commissioners announced they would recess into Executive Session for 20 minutes with Mark Cook and Stephanie Hartung per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (c) To consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price. However, final action selling or leasing public property shall be taken in a meeting open to the public. Action anticipated.

At 2:29PM the Board of County Commissioners reconvened out of Executive Session with direction to continue negotiations on both potential acquisitions discussed.

Meeting concluded at 2:30 PM

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER:
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Rebecca Cruse, Administrative
Assistant



Cory Wright, Chairman