

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

MONDAY

1:30 PM

April 8, 2024

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

Others: Mark Cook, Arden Thomas, Josh Fredrickson, Rebecca Cruse, Public Works; Jamey Ayling, Jessica Miller, Chad Bala, Community Development Services; Stephanie Hartung, Prosecuting Attorney's Office; No members of the public.

At 1:30 PM Chairman Brett Wachsmith opened the Public Works Study Session.

No Citizen Comments.

FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT MATCH

Arden Thomas briefed the Board of County Commissioners on an Interlocal Agreement that is being requested by the City of Ellensburg including the request for a \$100,000 match. Arden Thomas stated Flood Control Zone District has contributed considerable support to the City of Ellensburg in efforts to have continuous modeling at jurisdictional boundaries and the funding may be found by cost savings on other projects the Flood Control Zone District currently provides assistance to. The Board of County Commissioners expressed support and directed staff to prepare enabling documents for consideration and will engage in further conversation with the City of Ellensburg about the challenges in managing the flood zones.

STATE AUDITOR OFFICE GMA PERMIT TIMELINESS PERFORMANCE AUDIT

Mark Cook briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the results of an audit conducted by the State on permit processing time of land use, civil, and building permits. Mark Cook stated that Kittitas County did very well, and recommendations were made that will allow for better review and accounting of the time it takes to process permits for future audits.

ROAD FUND LEVY UPDATE

Mark Cook briefed the Board of County Commissioners on forecasted Road Fund and the impact to the Road Fund and work program due to inflation in the past years. Mark Cook stated it will be critical that moving forward into an election for a Road Fund Levy that expectations need to be clear to voters and they have a choice of divesting from public roads and bridge infrastructure, or rate payers

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choose to vote in the levy. Mark Cook gave background on what CONSOR has been implementing for the County outreach plan and that CONSOR has 2 focus groups set for this weekend, each with 10-12 members. Discussion pursued about the pressures of increased taxation on residents and other areas of funding. Mark Cook stated that Public Works is limited in access to fundings or sales tax and Kittitas County has maintained a high performing work program to date.

Meeting concluded at 2:13 PM

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER:
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



**Rebecca Cruse, Administrative
Assistant**



Brett Wachsmith, Chairman