

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

**MONDAY**

**1:30 PM**

**February 12, 2018**

Board members present: Chairman Laura Osiadacz; Vice-Chairman Obie O'Brien; Commissioner Paul Jewell

Others: Mark Cook and Candie Leader, Public Works; Dan Carlson, Mike Flory, Stephanie Mifflin, Lindsey Ozbolt, Community Development Services; Neil Caulkins, Prosecutor's Office; Jerry Pettit, Auditor's Office; Brad Case, City of Ellensburg; Kayla Bonar, Daily Record; and 6 members of the public.

**LANIGAN SPRINGS TAX TITLE PROPERTY**

At 1:33 pm Chairman Laura Osiadacz opened the Public Works Study Session and stated that we would begin with the Public Works agenda. Mark Cook spoke to the background of Lanigan Springs and how the previous owner defaulted on tax payments deferring the property back to the Kittitas County Treasurer. Staff discussed the options available upon purchase of the property by Public Works and the avenues that can be taken to maintain the internal road network and access to current residents of the area. A member of the public spoke about the issue and thanked the county for working on this. The Board directed Staff to pursue purchasing the property from the Kittitas County Treasurer, prepare enabling documentation and move towards declaring the road network as primitive roads.

**ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS FORMED VIA RESOLUTION**

Mark Cook gave background on the process Staff has been working through regarding Road Improvement Districts, specifically Weihl Road. He spoke as to two options that the Board can consider for formulation through RCW 35.43 and 36.88. After this path is decided then the remaining work to be done would be to draft a Task Order with the current on-call Consultant to complete the design, affirm project costs then formulate the district. After discussion the Board directed staff to move forward with formulation through RCW 35.43. A member of the public made a comment regarding the topic.

**JOHN WAYNE TRAIL EXTENSION PROPOSAL**

Mark Cook stated that he was recently approached by the City of Ellensburg regarding a trail extension project involving county property. The City of Ellensburg is seeking funding through a Recreational Conservation Office (RCO) Grant to fund a portion of the project. The trail alignment would locate on the southerly property line of industrial lands within the Bowers Field Industrial. Discussion was had regarding property setbacks, right of way and what the code requirement is for the area. Member(s) of the Board would like to make a site visit before taking any action on the matter and directed Staff to bring back for further discussion in two weeks.

**ROAD VARIANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Mark Cook reported that recently a County Code update was done requiring the review of variance applications by Fire Districts. He stated that the Committee is continuing to see a lack of participation by members and with the addition of the Fire Marshal falling under Community Development Services that gives the department two votes on submitted applications. Discussion was had and the Board directed Staff to draft revised code adding by-laws, term limits and leave the Fire Marshal as a voting member. Staff will bring back a proposal for further discussion and Board consideration.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:44 pm

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Candie Leader

  
Laura Osiadacz, Chairman