

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

MONDAY

1:30 PM

FEBRUARY 25, 2019

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

Others: Mark Cook, Candie Leader, Public Works; Dan Carlson, Calvana Carper, Lindsey Ozbolt, Pat Nicholson, Community Development Services

At 1:43 pm Chairman Cory Wright opened the Public Works Study Session.

DRIVEWAY(S) AND THE ADOPTED INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE DISCUSSION

Mark Cook stated at a previous study session he explained the issue staff is facing with apparent conflicting requirements for driveways between Kittitas County Code and the adopted International Fire Code. Mark Cook continued that he is bringing the issue back for the full Board of County Commissioners to direct staff on how to proceed. Mark Cook added that recently himself, Dan Carlson with Community Development Services and also Pat Nicholson, Fire Marshal, met to find a solution for the discrepancy between the codes. Mark Cook stated that they are proposing to add a clear zone requirement to driveway permits so the total width of a driveway would be sixteen (16) feet and require an additional two (2) feet on either side of the driveway for the clear zone to allow fire apparatus enough room to access in case of an emergency. Discussion was held. Staff was directed to implement the change now on driveway permits and submit documentation for code amendments in the summer.

2019 ROAD WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

Mark Cook gave background on previous business practice by the Department placing weight restrictions on county gravel roads due to becoming saturated with moisture during thawing conditions causing roadway damage from heavier vehicle traffic. Mark Cook stated that the previous business practice was not functional and is requesting to prepare enabling documentation for Board of County Commissioner approval to defer to Public Works to handle the posting and noticing of weight restrictions when the issue arises. Mark Cook added that this would allow staff to post and notice on short timelines and would not require waiting for BOCC sessions for approval on specific roads. Discussion was held. Staff was directed to prepare enabling documentation for BOCC consideration at future agenda session.

HARTMAN ROAD VACATION REQUEST

Mark Cook stated that recently property owners on Micheletto Road have placed a gate at the end causing issues for county staff to maintain the roadway. Mark Cook continued that he previously discussed with the BOCC doing a road vacation for the roadway and staff is moving forward with the process. Mark Cook added that property owners on Hartman Road sent a letter requesting the vacation of that roadway as well. Mark Cook stated that there are only two (2) property owners on Hartman Road and the roadway is not used as an access for recreational use. Mark Cook commented that staff is looking for direction to move the two (2) vacation requests forward for BOCC consideration. Discussion was held. Staff was directed to set public hearings for the vacation requests for BOCC consideration.

OTHER BUSINESS

MANASTASH ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

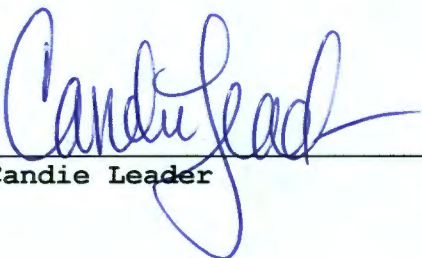
Mark Cook stated that the project team along with the Contractor met regarding an ice jam above the temporary bridge that formed recently. Mark Cook continued that the Contractor was able to get the temporary bridge removed to avoid potential flooding.

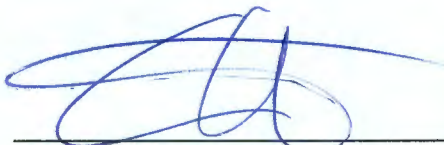
MIKE BARROW

Chairman Cory Wright stated that he received a phone call from Representative Tom Dent regarding Mike Barrow. Chairman Cory Wright continued that Representative Dent was concerned that Mr. Barrow is representing himself as a Lobbyist for Kittitas County and issues at Bowers Field. Chairman Cory Wright asked the Board if they were willing to agree to having Chairman Cory Wright set up a meeting with Mr. Barrow and Mark Cook to discuss concerns. Vice-Chairman Brett Wachsmith and Commissioner Laura Osiadacz both agreed to the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm.

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Candie Leader


Cory Wright, Chairman