

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

MONDAY

1:30 PM

July, 12 2021

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

Others In-Person: Mark Cook, Rebecca Cruse, Public Works; Dan Carlson, Jeremy Johnston, Community Development Services; Amy Cziske, Kylee Wuesthoff, Treasurer's Office; Bruce Coe, Steven Douglas, Michael Lundin, Donald Chance, Warren Taylor, Planning Commission.

Others Virtual: Taylor Crouch, Commissioners Office; Jessica Miller, Bridget Pechtel, Jeremiah Cromie, Kelly Bacon, Mike Flory, Community Development Services; Neil Caulkins, Prosecuting Attorney's Office; (5) Members of the Public.

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

DNR EASEMENT AT DICKEY CREEK DISCUSSION

Mark Cook updated the Board of County Commissioners on the status of the Dickey Creek Bridge Replacement project. Mark Cook stated that staff has entered a request to the Department of Natural Resource's Attorney General in Olympia, WA for a Right of Way swap related to the project. Mark Cook continued that the land swap is necessary to meet the requirements of the approach for the new bridge and State approval could take up to six (6) months. Mark Cook added that the delay will push the project back from the original project completion date.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH GRANT COUNTY PUD DISCUSSION

Mark Cook gave a brief history of the Interlocal Agreement between Grant County PUD and the county for the Vantage Boat Ramp and facilities. Mark Cook stated that staff has been working with Grant County PUD on an extension of the existing agreement. Mark Cook added that staff is proposing a one (1) year extension to the existing agreement and is seeking direction on moving the enabling documents forward for consideration. Discussion was held. Staff was directed to bring the revised agreement forward for consideration.

REET 2 DISCUSSION

Mark Cook gave background on the funding needs of Public Works, and current capital projects. Mark Cook and Treasurer Amy Cziske requested the Board of County Commissioners to consider implementing

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REET 2 Tax on Property Sales to assist in funding Capital Projects along with the Kittitas County Recreation and Tourism Plan. Commissioner Cory Wright inquired if REET 2 Funds would be used for further acquisition. Mark Cook explained to Commissioner Cory Wright on allowable uses for REET 2 funding. Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz inquired if Kittitas County meets the threshold for GMA and Mark Cook confirmed that Kittitas County exceeds the growth rates to qualify. Discussion was held. Staff was directed to schedule Public Hearing for September 21st for consideration.

Meeting adjourned at 2:06 pm.

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Rebecca Cruse, Administrative
Assistant



Brett Wachsmith, Chairman