

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

**MONDAY**

**1:30 PM**

**March 28, 2022**

Board Members Present: Chairman Laura Osiadacz, Vice-Chairman Cory Wright, and Commissioner Brett Wachsmith.

Others In-Person: Mark Cook, Arden Thomas, Josh Fredrickson, Rebecca Cruse, Public Works; (1) Member of the Public.

Others Virtual: Candie Leader, Public Works; Neil Caulkins, Prosecuting Attorney's Office; Kristi Moore, The Ferguson Group; () Members of the Public.

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

**REQUEST TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO RATIFY THE DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE ON KPFF TASK ORDER NO.4-2022 BRIDGE INSPECTIONS**

Mark Cook requested the Board of County Commissioners to approve a Resolution to ratify his signature on KPFF Task Order No. 4 contracting for bridge inspections. Vice-Chairman Cory Wright made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-079. Commissioner Brett Wachsmith seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

**REQUEST TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHAIR SIGNATURE ON THE DIGITAL SUBMITTAL CERTIFICATION TO THE COUNTY ROAD ADMINISTRATION BOARD**

Josh Fredrickson requested the Board of County Commissioners approve a Resolution to authorize the Chair's signature on the Digital Submittal Certification to the County Road Administration Board. Vice-Chairman Cory Wright made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-080. Commissioner Brett Wachsmith seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

**PUBLIC WORKS FEES AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Mark Cook presented an addition to the adopted Public Works fee schedule- waiving the fees for Board supported Affordable Housing Projects. Discussion was held. Staff was directed to prepare enabling documents for Board consideration.

**STRANDE ROAD DISCUSSION**

Mark Cook is requesting the vacation of a portion of Strande Road, which is a designated primitive road. Discussion was held on the

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feasibility of Public Works maintaining the road with little public benefit. Staff was directed to schedule a public hearing to consider the vacation of a portion of county road right-of-way on Strande Rd.

#### **RECREATION LIABILITY**

Mark Cook presented his findings of liability at recreation sites potentially sponsored by the county. Mark Cook continued that the county would need to recognize and post at trailheads that the trails in the Teanaway Trails to Towns network are for non-motorized use only. Discussion was held.

#### **WILDLAND FIRE MAPPING**

Mark Cook informed the Board of County Commissioners of new wildfire modeling that may assist the county in predicting control lines and designing evacuation routes based on the science. Mark Cook added that this data could be constructive to address land use restrictions based on land resource use and fire life safety. The Board of County Commissioner stated their support of Public Works efforts on this project.

#### **CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING REQUESTS FOR 2023**

Mark Cook inquired to the Board of County Commissioners on what projects they would like to see targeted for funding in 2023. Mark Cook introduced Kristi More from The Ferguson Group. Kristi More gave a brief summary on the submission process, and deadlines to submit projects to the House for review. The Board of County Commissioners requested that funding be targeted on the following 3 projects: Search and Rescue Facility, City of Kittitas municipal water supply, and Vantage Boat Ramp Parking.

#### **ROAD FUND LEVY LIFT PUBLIC OUTREACH**

Mark Cook gave background on the Road Fund and the potential for a levy lift in 2024. Mark Cook is requesting to prepare the Road Fund Levy Lift for the 2024 Elections. Discussion was held about the success of additional tax requests in the current financial environment and the time limitations for proper public outreach efforts in the 2022 election year. The Board of County Commissioners supports conducting the Road Levy Lift Outreach for 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm.

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Rebecca Cruse, Administrative  
Assistant



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Laura Osiadacz, Chairman