

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

MONDAY

1:30 PM

August 26, 2024

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

Others: Josh Fredrickson, Arden Thomas, Cameron Curtis, Reid Burbank, Rebecca Cruse, Public Works; Chad Bala, Jeremy Larson Community Development Services; Stephanie Hartung, Angela Bugni, Molly McDowell, Prosecuting Attorney's Office; no members of the public.

At 1:31 PM Chairman Brett Wachsmith opened the Public Works and Community Development Services Study Session.

No Citizen Comments

WHISKEY CREEK FLOOD ALLEVIATION

Arden Thomas briefed the Board of County Commissioners on a project with DR Horton to manage flooding along Whiskey Creek and is developing a MOA to include a timeline for the flow restrictor to stay in place until after construction of the siphon. Arden Thomas stated easements are still being secured.

UPPER YAKIMA RIVER FLOODPLAIN & HABITAT RESTORATION IMPLEMENTATION

Arden Thomas updated the Board of County Commissioners on past action for the floodplain restoration/reconnection project in the Lower Kittitas Reach of the Yakima River and stated that staff had submitted a Floodplain by Design Grant that maybe a source for viable funding to utilize in 2027 as the project scored well. Arden Thomas stated that Bonneville Environmental Foundation has offered their assistance and now that the property is secured for this project the implementation could happen relatively quickly to improve habitat and formation of a trail.

6-YEAR TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

Cameron Curtis briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the updates to the 6-year Transportation Plan identifying the project phases and funding sources. Cameron Curtis stated that there will be two open houses held on September 4th at the Upper County Maintenance Shop, and September 5th at the Public Works Office to receive input from the community.

2024 BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE

Chad Bala stated CDS would like to implement regular updates on building permit process. Jeremy Larson stated the department had a large influx of building permits submitted prior to March 14th due to building code changes. Staff is catching up, but plan review is averaging 14 weeks when the target is 4-6 weeks. Jeremy Larson stated staffing level is adequate, and the diligent staff have identified fraudulent submittals on engineering.

At 1:52PM the Board of County Commissioners announced they would recess into Executive Session for 10 minutes with Chad Bala, Stephanie Hartung, Molly McDowell, and Angela Bugni per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation that the agency reasonably believes may be commenced by or against the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity.

At 2:02PM the Board of County Commissioners reconvened out of Executive Session. Vice Chair Laura Osiadacz motioned to Authorize Abatement Action in Superior Court and to Appropriate Funds and Set Timetable for the Van Geelkerken and Martinez Abatement. Chairman Wachsmith Commissioner Cory Wright moved to second the motion approving Resolution 2024-156 and 2024-157.

At 2:04PM the Board of County Commissioners announced that they would recess into another Executive Session for 10 minutes with Josh Fredrickson, Stephanie Hartung, Molly McDowell, and Angela Bugni per RCW 42.30.110(c) to consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price. However, final action selling or leasing public property shall be taken in a meeting open to the public.
No action anticipated

At 2:14PM the Board of County Commissioner reconvened out of Executive Session with no action.

Meeting concluded at 2:15 PM

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Rebecca Cruse, Administrative
Assistant



Brett Wachsmith, Chairman