



KITTITAS COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Mark Cook, Director

STUDY SESSION MINUTES

March 28, 2016

THOSE PRESENT:

Gary Berndt, Paul Jewell, Obie O'Brien (BOCC), Mark Cook, Candie Leader (DPW); Doc Hansen, Steph Mifflin (CDS)

Guests Present:

None

REQUEST TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE DIGITAL SUBMITTAL CERTIFICATION TO THE COUNTY ROAD ADMINISTRATION BOARD:

Mark presented the annual County Road Administration Board digital submittal for approval. Mark would like to point out that there is a considerable amount of money that we qualified for day labor expense this year. In the coming years staff will look at the possibility for more day labor projects. Commissioner Jewell asked for clarification of day labor projects. Mark replied the Lambert Road hard surfacing. Projects that can be done with county crews. Commissioner Jewell asked what the threshold was for the program. Mark stated that it's a percentage. Going forward he'd like to focus more on the annual program and work closer with maintenance. Discussion was held.

Board Direction:

Commissioner Jewell made a motion to approve the digital submittal certification to the County Road Administration Board. Commissioner Berndt seconded the motion. Approved.

REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO SIGN TASK ORDER NO. 8 AMENDMENT 2 WITH SARGENT ENGINEERS, INC.:

Mark stated that currently we have a contract with Sargent Engineers for structural engineering on our bridges. Task Order No. 8, Amendment 2 is recognition of a misfire made on the Taneum/North

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Thorp Highway bridge abutment. Last year during a routine bridge inspection it was discovered that an abutment timber was completely rotten and one lane was closed. Staff went into an emergency design to replace that structure. The previous County Engineer wanted to avoid any permitting on the project and gave direction to the Consultant to do a design where it would leave us out of a permitting condition. That design was provided in late January, early February. Bridge Inspector Ken Bamford and Mark felt that it couldn't be constructed the way it was designed. Mark brought the design concerns to the Consultant and he felt it would be very difficult to build. It was agreed to push the project back and pursue an alternative design. Some level of permitting may be necessary for the new design. Commissioner O'Brien asked what the total value of the project. Mark responded \$75,000. Commissioner Berndt inquired as to how much was lost in funding for the previous design and it is around \$30,000. Discussion was held.

Board Direction:

Commissioner Jewell made a motion to authorize the Director's signature on Task Order No. 8, Amendment 2 with Sargent Engineers, Inc. Commissioner Berndt seconded the motion. Approved.

**REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO
SIGN TASK ORDER NO. 11 WITH
SARGENT ENGINEERS, INC.:**

On the current 6 year Transportation Improvement Plan the No. 6 Road Bridge Replacement is budgeted in the plan for \$125,000 for design this year. We have gotten a task order from the bridge design consultant in the amount of \$114,000, which is less than we anticipated paying. Mark is asking to get approval to sign the task order with Sargent Engineers, Inc. Discussion was held.

Board Direction:

Commissioner Jewell made a motion to authorize the Director's signature on Task Order No. 11 with Sargent Engineers, Inc. Commissioner Berndt seconded the motion. Approved.

**REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC
WORKS DIRECTOR TO SIGN TASK
ORDER NO. 12 WITH SARGENT
ENGINEERS, INC.:**

Mark reported that last week he and Bridge Inspector Ken Bamford were under the Hungry Junction Road Bridge and there is some significant corrosion to the exterior girders. Mark would like to get Sargent Engineers, Inc. out to look at the bridge to see if a load limit is wise for the structure. Discussion was held.

Board Direction:

Commissioner Jewell made a motion to authorize the Director's signature on Task Order No.12 with Sargent Engineers, Inc. Commissioner Berndt seconded the motion. Approved.

Other Business:

Traffic Diversion – Mark stated that he is not seeking board action on this topic. He has concerns on the level of service from the Sheriff's Office for chipseal support and for traffic studies; and also illegal dumping that is occurring with no response. He's requesting to have a conversation regarding the topic. Commissioner Jewell suggested getting the topic on the Law and Justice Study Session and get with Mandy in the Commissioner's Office to schedule.



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Director of Public Works