

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

MONDAY

1:30 PM

August 28, 2017

Board members present: Chairman Paul Jewell; Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz; Commissioner Obie O'Brien

Others: Mark Cook, Candie Leader, Public Works; Four (4) Members of the public

At 1:31 pm Chairman Jewell opened the Public Works Study Session. One (1) item was added under Other Business: Exit 78 Closure Times as Proposed by Washington State Department of Transportation.

**REQUEST TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 2017-138
AWARDING THE DISTRESSED COUNTY SALES AND USE TAX FUNDING FOR
2018 CORRECTING THE MATCH PERCENTAGE**

Mark Cook stated that recently Public Works brought forward a resolution which followed the Board of County Commissioner's (BOCC) request to adjust the City of Roslyn's request for a smaller funding amount and that the City of Roslyn and City of Cle Elum to provide proof of matching funds prior to the release of Distressed County funding. In that action the match percentage was stated as fourteen percent (14%) instead of the correct amount of thirteen and one half (13.5%). The resolution being presented would correct that error. Chairman Jewell called for motion to approve Resolution 2017-141 to Amend Resolution 2017-138 Awarding the Distressed County Sales and Use Tax Funding for 2018 Correcting the Match Percentage. Commissioner Osiadacz made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-141 as presented and Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion with said motion passing.

**REQUEST TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR THE
NORTH FORK TEANAWAY ROAD BRIDGE #16203 REPAIR AND AUTHORIZE THE
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE SAID CONTRACT**

Mark Cook stated that last fall an individual drove through the downstream guardrail on the main stem Teanaway Bridge wiping out the entire section. Over the winter the roadway was restricted to one lane and jersey barriers in place. The repair was designed; bids were solicited with two responses, with one response being deemed non responsive for being submitted after the bid closing time. Discussion was held regarding the cost of the bid amounts submitted and the increase in contract pricing. Commissioner O'Brien inquired about the accident and any potential for insurance cost recovery. Mark Cook replied that the owner of the vehicle claimed it was stolen and cost recovery is unlikely. Chairman

Jewell called for a motion to approve Resolution 2017-142 to Award the Contract for the North Fork Teanaway Road Bridge #16203 Repair and Authorize the Public Works Director to Execute Said Contract. Commissioner Osiadacz made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-142 as presented with Commissioner O'Brien seconding the motion. Motion passed.

UNIVERSITY WAY BRIDGE PROJECT UPDATE

Mark Cook commented that last year during a routine bridge inspection staff found significant concrete spalling on one of the bridge piers at the railroad crossing on University Way. There is also concern about the number of groundhog burrows that are present at both abutments. Staff had a structural engineer take a look at the issues with them and agree that the burrowing is causing the approach settlement. Mark Cook continued that in an attempt to secure round about funding with the City of Ellensburg and Kittitas County putting in \$450,000.00 for that project; in exchange for that Kittitas County asked the City of Ellensburg to annex that portion of University Way into city limits. Staff felt that giving the City of Ellensburg damaged infrastructure would not be wise and went into a structural design for the bridge. Bids were then solicited and the low bid was twenty five percent (25%) over the engineer's estimate and the bidder was nonresponsive with some of the required paperwork with that bid being rejected. Staff is also waiting on permits from Burlington Northern. At this time if the BOCC follows staff recommendation of rejection of all bids, staff will continue to pursue the permits from Burlington Northern with a new bid solicitation in spring. Discussion was held regarding spalling and current monitoring of the issues. No direction was given.

HYAK DRIVE UPDATE

Mark Cook stated that the Public Works Department has been working with the Hyak Homeowners Association for around two (2) years on a variety of issues including snow removal, winter parking and speeding in the community. Mark Cook spoke about the speeding commenting that staff deployed a new striping plan narrowing the lanes of traffic and after three (3) weeks placed traffic counters conducting a speed study. This action caused numerous complaints therefore deploying staff to blackout the paint stripe. This action caused another issue in which a driveway was damaged from the product used to black out the striping. The next option would be structural efforts such as traffic islands and possibly speed humps though speed humps would add issues for snow removal. Mark Cook continued that crews are running out of places to put the plowed snow and with I-90 construction and closures response times have been hindered. Mark Cook suggested meeting with the Homeowners Association to problem solve options. Discussion was held with staff stating a full review of options will be done and will come back to the BOCC with proposals. Further discussion was

held regarding research done by the IT Department on GPS, roadway routes and road designations. Staff was encouraged to get with the IT Department to gather further information on the topic.

BOWERS FIELD UPDATE(S)

Mark Cook reported on several issues at Bowers Field starting with the temporary closure of Runway 7-25. Public Works has followed the directive of the BOCC and a scope of work was sent out to HLA Engineering and Surveying out of Yakima and a site visit was conducted. Staff is expecting a scope of work back this week and then a special Airport Advisory Board meeting will be scheduled to review the scope and have HLA present their qualifications. If the Airport Advisory Board is satisfied with the scope of work then a notice to proceed can be sent out to HLA. Discussion was held as to the base of the runway and the possibility of having geotechnical testing done. Further discussion was held with no Board direction.

Mark Cook stated that pursuant to the t-hangar inspections last month and the amount of non-aviation related items in the hangars, follow up letters were sent and two responses have been had so far. Staff will re-inspect all hangars again in thirty (30) days and move forward. Discussion was held. No direction was given.

Mark Cook spoke about the Carrera Hangar and staff has been working with the owner on the cleanup of the fire that had occurred there. Public Works initially supplied assistance with the cleanup operations and provided an area of storage of the material so it could be hauled off. Mark Cook continued that staff had to keep in contact with the hangar owner to maintain the area was clear of foreign object debris (FOD) and the area was fenced. Building permits are finally in process in Community Development Services. Discussion was held. No direction was given.

Mark Cook commented that there was a malfunction of one of the airport gates that has resulted in a claim for damages to a vehicle. Staff contacted the gate contractor and parts have been ordered for repairs due to apparent vandalism. Discussion was held. No direction was given.

Mark Cook reported that the Master Plan update is almost complete. The preferred alternative was sent to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) months ago for review and at this time is still not been reviewed. The Master Plan will likely be submitted in October and is close to being completed. Discussion was held. No direction was given.

Mark Cook stated that initial conversations have been had with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regarding lease renewal rates. Currently, they are paying one (1) cent per square foot and Central Washington University currently pays three (3) cents per

square foot. Rates for a new lease are at a rate of twelve (12) cents per square foot. Mark Cook commented that he proposed to the DNR that a structured rate increase be set over each biennium. Discussion was held. No direction was given.

WIEHL ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT UPDATE

Mark Cook gave background on the project and stated that staff has been working with residents for the past two (2) years on a solution to the roadway improvements. Mark Cook continued that a path to a solution was to form a Road Improvement District with the property owners and have the roadway built to current standards. Mark Cook added that after legal review there are a few items that need to be researched before moving forward. Mark Cook stated that the re-design and cost estimating are complete and the project costs are around \$750,000, which is an increase from previous cost estimating. Discussion was held. Two (2) members of the public commented on the topic. The Board committed to contributing \$150,000 and overage costs for the project.

OTHER BUSINESS:

EXIT 78 CLOSURE TIMES SET BY WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (WSDOT)

Mark Cook stated that staff and Board members attended a meeting with WSDOT regarding the ongoing traffic issues affecting Nelson Siding Road. Mark Cook continued that at the conclusion of the meeting direction was given to him to notice WSDOT of preferred closing time for September 4 at Exit 78 westbound was to be from 10am to midnight. Mark Cook added that after speaking with WSDOT they suggest closure from 8am - 8pm. Discussion was held. Staff was directed to contact WSDOT to confirm the closure times as 8am - 8pm for September 4 Westbound closure at Exit 78.

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**


Candie Leader


Laura Osiadacz, Chairman