

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

MONDAY

1:30 PM

March 26, 2018

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

Others: Mark Cook, Lucas Huck, Candie Leader, Public Works; Dan Carlson, Stephanie Mifflin, Mike Flory, Community Development Services; Kayla Bonar, Daily Record; Two (2) members of the public

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

At 1:31 pm Chairman Laura Osiadacz opened the Public Works Study Session. Mark Cook requested to add four items to the agenda under Other Business - Floodplains By Design Grant Update; Cooperative Partnership Grant with FEMA; Weihl Road RID Update and Transportation Element Update.

Mark Cook presented a Resolution Authorizing Chair Signature on the Digital Submittal Certification to the County Road Administration Board (CRAB). Mark Cook stated that this is a yearly process where the County Engineer reports traffic law enforcement diversion from the Road Fund and other annual reporting as required by CRAB. Discussion was held. Commissioner Osiadacz called for a motion to approve Resolution 2018-057 Authorizing Chair Signature on the Digital Submittal Certification to the County Road Administration Board. Commissioner O'Brien moved to approve Resolution 2018-057. Commissioner Jewell seconded said motion. Motion carried 3-0 with no discussion.

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY PETITION TO NOMINATE KITTITAS COUNTY FOR A MS4 PERMIT

Mark Cook reported on an issue that is emerging with the Department of Ecology (DOE) and gave background from 2014 when DOE issued a general stormwater permit to the City of Ellensburg and at that time expressed no interest in issuing a MS4 Permit for Kittitas County. Mark Cook commented that recently there

has been movement at DOE and three (3) to four (4) months ago the Board of County Commissioners were briefed about DOE contacting Public Works to potentially look at several sites in the county that they were expressing interest in. Mark Cook continued that the current effort now is to reissue MS4 permits in August of 2018 and in that process DOE determined that they had sufficient interest in Kittitas County that they sent over the nominating criteria and have the ability to petition the inclusion of the county, if the county were to meet certain criteria as set by DOE. Mark Cook added that he spent a better part of last week preparing a response to DOE that was sent over Friday afternoon. Mark Cook continued that DOE has only expressed interest in the Urban Growth Area of Ellensburg. Mark Cook added that he has a meeting with a representative of DOE this week and will update the Board of County Commissioners after that meeting. Discussion was held.

OTHER BUSINESS

FLOODPLAINS BY DESIGN GRANT

Mark Cook reported that a grant was submitted for the acquisition of property south of Hansen Pits. Kittitas County recently sent a letter of support signed by the Board of County Commissioners recognizing the importance of the acquisition. Mark Cook continued that the first round of scoring has been completed for the applications with Kittitas County's application currently being rated sixth (6th) out of twenty-four (24) applications. Mark Cook noted that the City of Ellensburg's application was rated first (1st) out of the twenty-four (24) applications. Mark Cook added that he will update the Board of County Commissioners after the second round of scoring is complete. No direction was given.

COOPERATIVE TECHNICAL PARTNERSHIP GRANT WITH FEMA

Mark Cook stated that recently FEMA had reached out to staff to consider working with them through their Cooperative Technical Partnership program to develop another two (2) dimensional flow model for a creek system in Kittitas County. Mark Cook continued that he nominated Reecer Creek and the rationale for this is that the Currier Creek model has been accepted and the confluence of Reecer and Currier at the casino has been modeled, however, from that point to the river has not been done. FEMA is offering \$50,000 for the project with the match being the same amount. Discussion was held. No direction was given.

WEIHL ROAD RID UPDATE

Mark Cook stated that staff continues to work on the Weihl Road RID and most recently briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the technique for which the Road Improvement District is to be formulated. Mark Cook continued that staff had a forty percent (40%) design completed for the project, however, with increasing work load felt it was necessary to draft a task order with one of our on call consultants to finish the design. Mark Cook added that this was budgeted for \$41,000 and the scope of work came back at around \$46,000. Commissioner Jewell inquired about legal review and discussion. Mark Cook replied that he had not heard anything from legal about the formulation proposal and will follow up. Discussion was held.

TWENTY (20) YEAR TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT UPDATE

Mark Cook commented that the Transportation Element was close to being complete and a comment letter on the draft plan will be sent to Fehr and Peers for review. Mark Cook continued that he has some concerns regarding the financial portion of the plan including the consideration of a motor vehicle gas tax. Mark Cook added that he is hoping to have the plan complete by the end of April and prior to the departure of Commissioner Jewell. Discussion was held. No direction was given.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Prior to the meeting adjourning two (2) members of the public spoke to the Board of County Commissioners regarding the safety and continued concerns of the intersection of No. 6 Road and Kittitas Highway.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**


Candie Leader


Laura Osiadacz, Chairman