

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

MONDAY

1:30 PM

June 11, 2018

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

Others: Mark Cook, Sara Folk, Candie Leader, Public Works; Dan Carlson, Steph Mifflin, Lindsey Ozbolt, Community Development Services; Kendra Breiland, Fehr and Peers; Kayla Bonar, Daily Record; Fourteen(14) members of the public

REQUEST TO APPROVE REVISED BYLAWS FOR THE AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

At 1:42 pm Chairman Laura Osiadacz opened the Public Works Study Session. Mark Cook requested to add one item to the agenda under Other Business - FLAP Grant Award(s).

Mark Cook stated that the Airport Advisory Committee has spent several months revising the bylaws for the committee and is presenting them today for Board of County Commissioner approval in advance of the next scheduled committee meeting. Discussion was held. Chairman Osiadacz called for a motion to approve. Commissioner O'Brien made a motion to approve the Airport Advisory Committee bylaws. Commissioner Jewell seconded the motion with discussion. Motion passed.

TWENTY YEAR TRANSPORTATION PLAN PRESENTATION

Mark Cook stated that Kendra Breiland from Fehr and Peers was in attendance to give a presentation on the transportation plan staff has been working on for the past several months. Mark Cook continued that the project is on schedule and included in the plan are streamlined policies, a twenty year business model and a funding plan. Mark Cook introduced Kendra Breiland who introduced the project and gave background on the staff involved and the different approaches used to put the plan together. Discussion was held. Commissioner Jewell had suggestions for the plan and stated that this was the best plan he had seen. Mark Cook then recognized the efforts by Jason Smith with Jacobs and also Kendra Breiland with Fehr and Peers. Mark Cook added that staff will return in a few weeks with a request to adopt.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY FOR BOWERS FIELD

Mark Cook stated that this item was placed on the agenda as an update for Chairman Osiadacz and Vice-Chairman O'Brien. Mark Cook continued that Commissioner Jewell and he have been working with Central Washington University (CWU) on solutions for management of Bowers Field. Mark Cook added that a draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was put together by Commissioner Jewell as a starting point for preliminary talks regarding co-sponsorship of Bowers Field. Commissioner Jewell stated that the purpose of the MOA is to see if the two parties can agree on a path forward regarding co-sponsorship and the MOA spells out the issues to be discussed; forms a Joint Operating Agreement Advisory Committee (JOAAC) with representation from the county and CWU to accomplish the tasks within the MOA and the JOAAC meetings would be open to the public. Commissioner Jewell continued that he would like this item added to the Airport Advisory Committee meeting agenda to hear comments from that Committee on the topic. Discussion was held.

Chairman Osiadacz opened the topic of discussion to the public for comment.

A representative of Central Washington University stated that they appreciate the first efforts of the MOA and all parties are starting this process with good intentions and CWU has no modifications to make to the MOA.

A member of the public requested that no action be taken today on the approval of the MOA since the Airport Advisory Committee has not reviewed the agreement.

A member of the public inquired if the County wants to or should enter into an agreement with anyone considering the airport is an underutilized asset the County owns. He added that it appears the community hasn't had an opportunity to comment on it.

A member of the public suggested that one of the three members of the JOAAC representing the County be a pilot or from the aviation community.

A member of the public stated that from the discussion held today there has been no mention of the public and Bowers Field is a public airport. He also requested a copy of the MOA for review.

Further discussion was held. Commissioner Jewell made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing regarding a Memorandum of Agreement between Kittitas County and Central Washington University for June 27, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the Commissioner's Auditorium. Vice-Chairman O'Brien seconded the motion with discussion. Vice-Chairman O'Brien stated that he would like to have the Airport Advisory Committee review and comment on the MOA. Mark Cook replied that he will have the agenda for the meeting amended to add the item for discussion. Chairman Osiadacz commented that they heard a lot of comments today on this item and the County is struggling with funding to maintain Bowers Field. No further discussion was held. Motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

FLAP GRANT AWARD(S)

Mark Cook stated that staff was advised of two grant awards two projects, one for the replacement of the Dickie Creek Bridge and the other for the Manastash Road Repair project.

Meeting adjourned at 3:14 pm.

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Candie Leader



Laura Osiadacz, Chairman