

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES  
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
COMMISSIONER'S AUDITORIUM  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**FRIDAY**

**1:30 P.M.**

**JANUARY 4, 2019**

Board members present: Chairman Cory Wright; Vice-Chairman Brett Wachsmith & Commissioner Laura Osiadacz.

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board II; Mark Cook, Public Works Director/Interim County Engineer and 4 members of the public.

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**TOWNS TO TEANAWAY**

**COMMISSIONERS**

At 1:30 p.m. Chairman Wright opened a Special Meeting to receive presentation from the Project Leadership Group Re: the County's future role with the Towns to Teanaway.

Nicky Pasi, Mountains to Sound Greenway provided & reviewed handouts. She gave a presentation outlining the project precursors, timeline, goals, alternative options, outcome of public comment and a map showing the easement holders boundary lines.

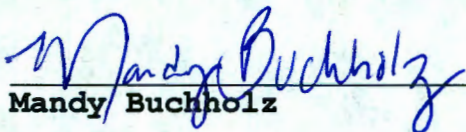
Jim Becker, Towns to Teanway Project Member outlined the implementation timeline. He stated that they are looking to see if the County would be willing to be the easement holder so that the private landowners felt more secure with the "transaction". He stated that the County will be around forever and there is not that guarantee with other possible options for easement holders. He stated that the only cost would be insurance and it would total approximately 4 miles.

Commissioner Osiadacz stated that she met prior to the meeting with County Staff and Deputy Prosecutor Neil Caulkins felt it would be most appropriate for the County to draft the easements if the Board chooses to go that route. She stated that Deputy Caulkins looked at statues for Recreational Trails and typically injuries are at the user's risk. She stated that Risk Manager/HR Director Young has also indicated that insurance would be approximately 5,000.00 for insurance.

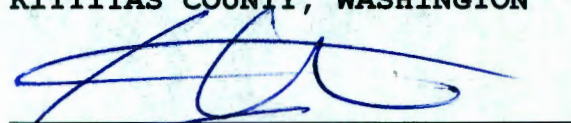
The Board directed Director Cook to look at funding options and present at the 1/14/19 Public Works Study Session.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

  
Mandy Buchholz

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Cory Wright, Chairman