

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

MONDAY

1:30 PM

JULY 8, 2019

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

Others: Mark Cook, Arden Thomas, Candie Leader, Public Works; Dan Carlson, Calvana Carper, Community Development Services and One (1) Member of the Public

At 1:41 pm Chairman Cory Wright opened the Public Works Study Session.

Two items were added under Other Business - Public Facilities Application and Upper County Maintenance Shop Utility Extension

COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM UPDATE

Arden Thomas gave background on the program and stated that Mark Cook had previously briefed the Board on the audit currently being conducted by the program and the preliminary results of that audit. Arden Thomas continued that staff worked diligently to get the corrections of the initial findings corrected and have earned a one hundred percent (100%) compliance score on the final elevation certificate submittals. Arden Thomas added that even with this score Kittitas County may still drop a level and see a five percent (5%) increase to flood insurance rates. Discussion was held.

TIPTON ROAD SPEED STUDY

Mark Cook gave background on the citizen request regarding speeding on Tipton Road. Mark Cook presented the results and it appears that the traveling public is going slightly below the speed limit of fifty (50) miles per hour. Mark Cook continued that the requestor is asking to have a speed limit sign posted on the gravel portion of Tipton which is currently unsigned meaning it has a speed limit of fifty (50) miles per hour. Mark Cook added that he is recommending scheduling a meeting with the requestor to go over the results and explain the different scenario if a sign is added. Staff was directed to schedule a meeting with the requestor as recommended.

EAST TANEUM ROAD SPEED STUDY

Mark Cook gave background on the layout of the speed zones on East Taneum Road and presented the results of the requested speed study. Mark Cook stated that the majority of the traveling public is driving at the posted speeds; however, there was one vehicle that was recorded going seventy three (73) miles per hour. Mark Cook continued that a

public hearing can be scheduled to receive citizen comment but Public Works would be recommending not lowering the speed limit based on current information. Commissioner Cory Wright stated that he would like to see an additional study done with the recreational traffic now using the roadway. Staff was directed to conduct an additional study to record the recreational traffic speeds.

OTHER BUSINESS:

PUBLIC FACILITIES APPLICATION - BOWERS FIELD FBO BUILDING

Mark Cook stated that one member of the Board of County Commissioners suggested that a Public Facilities application be completed for the construction of a Fixed Based Operator (FBO) building at Bowers Field. Mark Cook continued that with the current staffing and work load the deadline for the application may not be met. Mark Cook added that currently staff does not have an on-call Consultant that could offer assistance with the application. Mark Cook commented that Administrative Assistant Candie Leader offered the suggestion of using the application to secure design funding for the project and go to construction at a later date. Discussion was held.

UPPER COUNTY MAINTENANCE SHOP UTILITY EXTENSION

Mark Cook reported that he was given notice that the utility extension bid opening with the City of Cle Elum was held. Mark Cook continued that nine (9) bids were received and the low bid was one hundred thousand (\$100,000) dollars below the Engineer's Estimate. Mark Cook added that the City of Cle Elum is considering the bid for award tomorrow night at the scheduled Council meeting and he is going to attend to offer support and answer any questions. Mark Cook stated that he would like direction from the Board regarding their support and affirmation of the project. Discussion was held. Staff was directed to attend the meeting with the support of the Board for award of the project.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm.

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Candie Leader


Cory Wright, Chairman