

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

MONDAY

1:30 PM

AUGUST 10, 2020

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

Others: Mark Cook, Public Works; Mandy Buchholz, Commissioner's Office

At 1:30 pm Chairman Brett Wachsmith opened the Public Works Study Session.

SOUTH CLE ELUM WAY TRANSFER TO TOWN OF SOUTH CLE ELUM

Mark Cook gave background on the request he received from the Town of South Cle Elum to take ownership of approximately five hundred and seventy-five (575) feet of South Cle Elum Way. Mark Cook continued that he previously briefed the Board on this request and was given direction to move forward with the request. Mark Cook discussed the path forward on how to complete the transfer and stated he was given information as well from the County Road Administration Board using RCW 39.33.010. Staff was directed to move forward with drafting the resolution and enabling documents for consideration at the next agenda session.

ADVANCED MITIGATION STRATEGY FOR KITTITAS COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Mark Cook stated that for the past year Public Works has been working on how to position the county for the construction phase of the extension of the runway and parallel taxiway at Bowers Field. Mark Cook continued that mitigation for wetland impact is likely. Mark Cook added that the US Army Corp of Engineers is currently reviewing the assessment that was produced by the Consultant. Mark Cook stated that about four (4) months ago he met with Peter Dykstra and had conversation about water mitigation banking. Mark Cook continued that he met with Craig Broadhead from Jacobs and began discussing options for the creation of an advanced mitigation plan for the county. Mark Cook referenced the Interagency Regulatory Guide attached for review and explained how this guide approves the strategy staff would like to pursue. Mark Cook added that he along with Century West, Jacobs and ESA had a phone conference on this strategy and everyone agrees that this is the best path forward to stay on the financial timeline for funding improvements at ELN. Discussion was held. Staff was directed to move forward a task order with Jacobs for the proposal for a draft mitigation plan for Kittitas County as presented.

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS CONSIDERATION OF PAYING OFF SHADY BROOK BOND DEBT AND COVID 19 ECONOMIC RECOVERY COMMITTEE

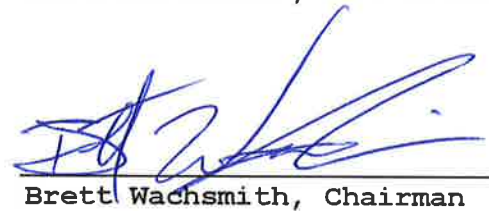
Mark Cook gave background on the expiration of the funds for Public Facilities and the remaining Shady Brook bond debt. Mark Cook continued that enabling documentation was approved to extend the tax to 2032 and that changed the need to retire the bond debt for Shady Brook using Fund 108. Mark Cook added that after further discussion with the Conference of Government (COG); the group declined to approve the retirement of the debt with Public Facility funds. Mark Cook continued that a discussion was had about implementing economic recovery activities and using COG as the lead agency. Mark Cook added that he was asked to reach out to the Consultant that COG has been working with and prepare a professional services agreement for consideration and that agreement has been finalized. Mark Cook continued that COG also recommended to extend the grant deadline to February 2021 for review and award with discussion to allow the economic groups apply in advance of the February 2021 deadline. Discussion was held. Chairman Brett Wachsmith made a motion to approve the Professional Services Agreement using CARES Act Funding for the COVID 19 Economic Recovery Committee with Infuse Strategy LLC. Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Mark Cook stated he will return with a financial forecast for the Public Facilities Fund and show the impacts of funding the economic groups and the Shady Brook bond debt.

Meeting adjourned at 2:06 pm.

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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman