

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

MONDAY

1:30 PM

AUGUST 24, 2020

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

Others: Mark Cook, Candie Leader, Arden Thomas, Public Works; Dan Carlson, Calvana Carper, Jessica Miller, Bridget Pecht, Jeremy Johnston, Mike Flory, Community Development Services; and Four (4) members of the Public.

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

REQUEST TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR ANOTHER SIX (6) MONTHS AS ACTING COUNTY ENGINEER

Mark Cook stated that he is requesting to extend his term as acting County Engineer for an additional six (6) months. Mark Cook continued that Public Works has hired a County Engineer who is relocating from Michigan and is scheduled to begin employment in September. Mark Cook added that with the Engineering License being from Michigan the new hire will need to apply with the State of Washington for licensure and this process could take up to four (4) months due to the State being backlogged on applications. Discussion was held. Chairman Brett Wachsmith made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-148 to Appoint the Director of Public Works for Another Six (6) Months as Acting County Engineer. Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HOPESOURCE ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Mark Cook gave background on the recent action made by the Board of County Commissioners to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Infuse Strategy, LLC for services related to the Economic Recovery Committee. Mark Cook continued that upon further discussions HopeSource possess data that is necessary to support ongoing efforts for the Committee. Mark Cook added that a Professional Services Agreement is needed between Kittitas County and HopeSource to compliment the agreement had with Infuse Strategy, LLC. Discussion was held. Chairman Brett Wachsmith made a motion to authorize the Director of Public Works to execute a Professional Services Agreement with HopeSource on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners. Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

2020-08-24 MINUTES

APPROVED
9/15/2020

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS POLICY DEVELOPMENT UTILIZING PUBLIC FACILITY GRANTS

Mark Cook gave background on past conversations with Conference of Government (COG) regarding lack of funds being utilized for awarded projects. Mark Cook continued that with funding not being used as programmed for projects the fund is harder to manage. Mark Cook added that at last week's COG meeting it was discussed to form a sub-committee to draft a policy to incorporate to the existing policies that were adopted in 2018.

YAKIMA RIVER BASIN INTEGRATED PLAN OUTREACH FUNDING

Arden Thomas gave background on the Yakima River Basin Integrated Plan and stated that funding is needed to support outreach efforts in the development of a video to be used for this purpose. Arden Thomas that staff is looking for direction to support this project in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000). Commissioner Cory Wright added that other jurisdictions will be providing funding as well. Discussion was had. Staff was directed to move forward with providing the funding in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to come from the 403 Fund (Water Mitigation).

Meeting adjourned at 1:46 pm

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



Candie Leader



Brett Wachsmith, Chairman