

**KITTITAS COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS STUDY SESSION MINUTES
Webex
Regular Meeting**

MONDAY

1:30 PM

June 28, 2021

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

Others: Mark Cook, Josh Fredrickson, Rebecca Cruse, Arden Thomas, Public Works; Dan Carlson, Jessica Miller, Jeremy Johnston, Bridget Pechtel, Community Development Services; Neil Caulkins, Prosecuting Attorney's Office; (4) Members of the Public

At 1:45 pm Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz opened the Public Works Study Session.

CITY OF CLE ELUM AIRPORT SURVEY

Mark Cook requested the Board of County Commissioners to waive fees for surveying at the Cle Elum Airport Property. Mark Cook gave background on the potential for this land and requested approval to use the existing Interlocal Agreement between Public Works and City of Cle Elum to provide these services. Mark Cook added that Justin Turnbull, County Surveyor would be performing the survey work. Staff was directed to move forward with the surveying and waived the cost to the City of Cle Elum.

FAUST ROAD SPEED STUDY

Josh Fredrickson presented findings of recent traffic study on Faust Road that was prompted by a request to lower the speed limit in that area. Josh Fredrickson requested direction on setting a Public Hearing for July 20, 2021, to present the Engineer's report. Commissioner Cory Wright stated that the creation of criteria for county roads to meet for a speed study to be conducted. Commissioner Cory Wright added that he would like Public Works to work on a plan for the exhaustive process. Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz agreed with Commissioner Cory Wright. Staff was directed to move forward with setting a public hearing.

BARNES ROAD SPEED STUDY

Josh Fredrickson presented findings of Barnes Road Traffic Study and requested to schedule Public Hearing for July 20, 2021. Commissioner Cory Wright reiterated that he would like to see more compelling evidence in the requests and deployment of the road speed reduction process but approves the request to schedule a Public Hearing. Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz agreed, and staff was directed to move forward with scheduling a public hearing.

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FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE BYLAW REVISION

Arden Thomas gave background on the revision to the Flood Control Zone District Advisory Committee bylaws. Arden Thomas stated that this revision includes language providing indemnification of committee members. Commissioner Cory Wright asked Neil Caulkins for his recommendation for the changes. Neil Caulkins believes this addition to the bylaws would provide protection to the members on this committee. Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz stated she supports the revision and will ask Mandy Buchholz to investigate the county's other committee bylaws for this additional language.

FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FEES FOR FISH HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECTS

Arden Thomas requested the Board of County Commissioners for direction in waiving Floodplain Development Permit Fees for fish habitat restoration projects in the county. Arden Thomas stated the decision would be mutually beneficial, as the fish habitat projects would incur more costs than necessary if not approved. Commissioner Cory Wright is pleased to see the county continue to support conservation efforts. Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz agrees. Staff was directed to bring forward enabling documents at the next agenda session for consideration.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO KITTITAS COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 14.08-FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION

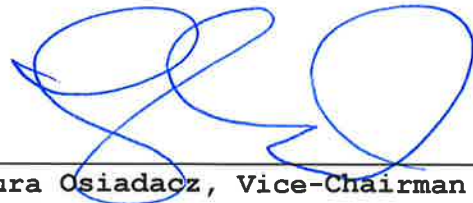
Arden Thomas furnished a brief history on Kittitas County Code Chapter 14.08 along with past implementation of the code and penalties for failure to comply. Arden Thomas stated the changes to the code are necessary to meet CRS standards. Arden Thomas requested to set a public hearing in mid-August. Discussion was held. Staff was directed to move forward with scheduling a public hearing as requested.

Meeting adjourned at 2:23 pm.

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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**Rebecca Cruse, Administrative
Assistant**



Laura Osiadacz, Vice-Chairman