

**KITTITAS COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS STUDY SESSION MINUTES
In-Person and Webex
Regular Meeting**

MONDAY

1:30 PM

June 13, 2022

Board Members Present: Chairman Laura Osiadacz, Vice-Chairman Cory Wright, and Commissioner Brett Wachsmith.

Others: Mark Cook, Rebecca Cruse, Public Works; Dan Carlson, Jeremy Larson, Jessica Miller, Community Development Services; (4) Members of the Public

At 1:58 pm Chairman Laura Osiadacz opened the Public Works Study Session.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Alice Road Resident expressed concern over the possibility of upgrades to the private drive.

ROAD VARIANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS DISCUSSION

Mark Cook briefed the Board on status of the Road Variance Committee. Mark Cook requested the Board of County Commissioners for direction on appointment of a citizen on the committee. Questions pursued about term limits and reappointment of current member. The Board directed staff to reappoint Mark Kirkpatrick for a 2-year term length, upon acceptance of the position the committee member will need to submit written confirmation of the appointment.

BOONDOGGLE ROAD VACATION REQUEST

Mark Cook briefed the Board of County Commissioners on an application received by Public Works to vacate unconstructed county road right-of-way of Boondoggle Road. Staff was directed to prepare enabling documents for a public hearing to consider the vacation of a portion of Boondoggle Road.

ALICE ROAD DISCUSSION

Mark Cook briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the issues many of the joint-use driveways and private roads in Kittitas County are facing. Mark Cook stated that the conditions of many of these access roads would not be accessible to fire/life/safety vehicles. Mark Cook added that currently, development in steep terrain is difficult to engineer to meet current county road standards for Private Road Certification. Mark Cook presented the possibility to legal that the county drafts a hold harmless agreement for land that is unsuitable or indefensible for development. Mark Cook suggested in

the meantime staff issue a land moratorium in unsuitable areas. Vice-Chairman Cory Wright asked what the scope of work would be to understand what it would take to impose a land moratorium while the county awaits direction from the legal team. Chairman Laura Osiadacz requested a joint meeting with the Fire Commissioners to partner and outline the issues in the county with Fire/Life/Safety vehicle access.

At 2:43 pm Chairman Laura Osiadacz announced the Board would recess into Executive Session with Mark Cook, Public Works Director, for 10 minutes - to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee.

At 2:53 pm the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. The Board of Kittitas County Commissioners directed staff to schedule executive session.

Meeting concluded at 2:54 pm.

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



**Rebecca Cruse, Administrative
Assistant**



Laura Osiadacz, Chairman