

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

MONDAY

1:30 PM

March 27, 2023

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

Others: Mark Cook, Josh Fredrickson, Rebecca Cruse, Public Works; Dan Carlson, Community Development Services; Neil Caulkins, Chris Horner, Prosecuting Attorney's Office; No members of the public.

At 1:30PM Chairman Cory Wright opened the Public Works Study Session.

No Citizen Comments.

At 1:31PM the Board of County Commissioners announced they would recess into Executive Session for 5 minutes with Mark Cook, Chris Horner, and Neil Caulkins per RCW 42.30.110 (i) To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.

At 1:36PM the Board of County Commissioners reconvened out of Executive Session requesting an additional 5 minutes for discussion. At 1:44PM reconvened out of Executive Session with direction to challenge the claim and follow-up on laws related.

LAND USE MORATORIUM IN ELK MEADOWS DISCUSSION

Mark Cook briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the non-compliant condition of McElroy Bridge and the risks associated with current use. Mark Cook stated that at the time of failure it was temporarily repaired, and conditional use of the bridge was for a limited time. Staff requested direction to place a land use moratorium for 6 months on the properties reliant on the McElroy Bridge while issues are addressed. Arden Thomas stated she has spoken with FEMA and Washington State Military Fund to gain insight into buyout programs and time constraints associated with those at-risk properties. Neil Caulkins briefed the Board on the risk of continued building in an area reliant on the non-compliant structure and that a moratorium on building until a viable bridge is brought up to code reduced risk. The Board directed Staff to bring forward legislation for discussion.

REQUEST TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHAIR SIGNATURE ON DIGITAL SUBMITTAL CERTIFICATION TO THE COUNTY ROAD ADMINISTRATION BOARD

Josh Fredrickson briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the report requirements and the change in the diversion of funds to the Sheriff's office due to acquisition of land for Search and Rescue Facility. Josh Fredrickson requested the Chair's signature on CRAB reporting. Commissioner Laura Osiadacz moved to approve Resolution 2023-046. Chairman Cory Wright seconded the motion. Approved.

EQUIPMENT RATES AND RENTAL (ER & R) POLICY FOR PUBLIC WORKS

Mark Cook briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the County Road Administration Board (CRAB) requirement for Public Works to establish an ER & R policy, articulating fleet management, purchase, and use. The Board directed staff to bring forward legislation for approval.

47 DEGREES NORTH TRANSPORTATION APPENDIX SEIS DISCUSSION

Mark Cook briefed the Board of County Commissioners on conversations with City of Cle Elum and developers. Mark Cook expressed concern with insufficient plan to address increased weekend traffic and the second access onto Bullfrog Rd that has not been approved by the County with potential for accumulating stress on intersections and ramps in the area.

At 2:28PM the Board of County Commissioners announced they would recess into Executive Session for 10 minutes with Mark Cook, Josh Fredrickson, and Neil Caulkins per RCW 42.30.110 (i) To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.

At 2:38PM the Board of County Commissioners requested 5 additional minutes. At 2:43PM the Board of County Commissioners reconvened out of Executive Session. No action taken.

ROBBINS ROAD DISCUSSION

Mark Cook requested the Board of County Commissioners direction on improving Robbins Road from the turnaround to Sun East maintained area and discussed potential for public access to National Forest land. The Board supports starting communications with landowners.

Meeting concluded at 2:52 PM

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Rebecca Cruse, Administrative
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Cory Wright, Chairman