

**ASOTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**February 8, 2016**

**Regular Meeting**

The Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Asotin, State of Washington, met this date. Present was Brian Shinn, Chairman; Jim Fuller, Vice Chair and Jim Jeffords Member.

Regular meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.

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Jeffords moved to approve the minutes of February 1, 2016 as written. Fuller seconded, motion carried.

Open to the public:

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Megan Stewart, Asotin County Conservation District presented an agenda for the 2016 Annual meeting, inviting the Board to attend.

Chris Kemp, CFO:

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Kemp along with Jeff Nave from Foster Pepper and Dave Trageser, Underwriter from DA Davidson presented a resolution authorizing the refund/refinancing of the 2006 unlimited tax general obligation refunding bonds.

Trageser said that the refinancing of the 2006 bonds will go back to the taxpayers in a lower levy rate. Trageser said they could not look at figures for about another month but they are estimating about a \$900,000.00 net savings, again helping to lower the levy in 2017.

Nave reminded the Board, these bonds are voter approved bonds. Nave said these bonds ave been refinanced before saving taxpayers money and will do the same again.

Nave explained this resolution will give the CFO the authority to authorize DA Davidson to lock in the interest rate when they see the lowest we can get. Nave said in the old days they had to guess when the rate would be a good rate and schedule to get the Board together, but with the legislative change, it allows the CFO to approve the day to sign. Nave said that way if the interest rate goes sideways this resolution is only good until December 31, 2016.

Fuller moved to adopt Resolution No. 16-03 a Resolution Authorizing the Refund/Refinancing of the 2006 Unlimited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds. Jeffords seconded, motion carried.

Dustin Johnson, Public Works Director:

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Johnson along with Glenn Scharnhorst, Road Supervisor explained their concerns with road conditions with the warmer weather. Scharnhorst said with all the heavy trucks using the Grande Rhond, Cloverland Road, Asotin Creek Road and Troy Road, the road are getting tore up and Public Works would like to request the Board approve a weight limit on at least these roads.

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Fuller asked how long before these roads could be used again by heavy trucks. Scharnhorst said they would have to stay off at least through the Spring. Johnson said it needs to warm up to dry out the roads or we need to get more heavy freezing again. Scharnhorst said this issue is early this year but they are running 80-100 trucks a day and we are starting to see potholes. Scharnhorst said it is the paved roads that they have the concerns with, the gravel roads can be fixed easier and quicker.

Johnson informed the Board, they will be putting out public notices this week and notifying all companies they are familiar with that will be effected.

### Karst Riggers, Building Official/County Planner:

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Riggers along with Don Brigham gave an update on the Shoreline Master Program. Brigham said they have held several meeting and their concerns are with the private docks, so they are out right now. Brigham said they are working on the draft adoption process and schedule and will be holding some work shops for comments. Brigham said it will be about April before any public hearings are held with the Shoreline Advisory Committee.

Riggers reminded the Board, this process started about late fall, 2013 and has been going smoothly and hope to be finished up around September, 2016.

Shinn commented that this is a cooperative project with the City of Clarkston, Garfield and Columbia counties and Starbuck with the City of Asotin doing their own. Riggers said that was correct and the City of Dayton are doing their own also.

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Riggers reminded the Board, the County opted into the Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) in 2013 because as part of a state mandate if we didn't the state could mandate how we handle agricultural lands in the county.

Riggers said the Board needs to designate an entity as the lead to develop the plan. Riggers said we could do in-house or look for a company to do. However, the Conservation District has agreed to do if the Board wants to sign an intergovernmental agreement. Riggers informed the Board, this is grant funded project for two biennium and if the funds are pulled by the state the agreement would be cancelled. Riggers said also if the Conservation District does not live up to the County's expectations, the agreement could be terminated.

Jeffords moved to designate Asotin County Conservation District as the entity to provide services to the County in the VSP and to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement. Fuller seconded, motion carried.

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Shinn announced there will be two executive sessions held at the end of the meeting, one regarding contract negotiations and one regarding personnel issues.

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Board gave committee reports.

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Dustin Johnson, Public Works Director presented two borrow pit agreements with David Weissenfels for Pits #1 and #2 on Weissenfels Ridge Road and Harbin Grade Road, respectively.

Jeffords moved to approve the borrow pit agreements. Fuller seconded, motion carried.

(10)

Cynthia Tierney, Community Services Supervisor presented for the Chairman's signature, Service Pricing Format, AbilityOne Price Proposal for the previously signed Janitorial/Custodial and Grounds Maintenance, Resources Management Office Building and Lewiston Levee work.

Fuller moved to authorize the Chairman to sign. Jeffords seconded, motion carried.

(11)

Jeffords moved to follow the recommendation of the Veteran's Relief Board to reappoint Don Erickson to another three year term to expire January 31, 2019. Fuller seconded, motion carried.

(12)

Fuller moved to appoint to the Parks & Rec Advisory Board, Dawna Dalosto, Susan Berghammer, Patti Stewart, Sandra Whittaker and Charann Havens. Jeffords seconded, discussion: Shinn said these new members need to examine the County need. Jeffords said he would like to get the information he has together from them, removing the Public Facility District as they will not have anything to do with that and then the Commissioners meet with the members to discuss what the Commissioners' visions are for them. No further discussion, motion carried.

(13)

Open to the Public (continued): None

(14)

Media

Claims approved and ordered paid:

#001	Current Expense	\$ 11,257.92	\$ 147.00
#101	County Road	\$ 34,615.16	
#108	Alcoholism	\$ 15,420.51	
#112	Noxious Weed	\$ 1.00	
#126	Building & Planning	\$ 24.74	
#127	E911	\$ 194.86	
#129	Community Services	\$ 2,872.36	
#170	Trial Court Improvements	\$ 170.00	
#410	Landfill	\$ 6,718.39	
#414	Waste Reduction	\$ 57.39	
#460	Stormwater	\$ 9,236.54	
#501	ER&R	\$ 9,789.21	
#502	Central Services	\$ 3,485.88	

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The following voucher (warrant) numbers are approved for payment:

256148 through 256246 for \$93,843.96

The following voucher (warrant) numbers and direct deposit are approved for Payroll:

255977 through 256146 for \$239,231.18 and \$280,210.59 and 256147 for \$147.00

Executive session held at 10:45 a.m. for approximately ten minutes regarding contract negotiations pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4).

Board reconvened to regular session at 10:55 a.m.

(15)

Fuller moved to sign the Superior Court Indigent contract with John Fay for the period of February 1, 2016 to January 31, 2017 for 140 felony equivalent cases at the annual rate of \$78,622.52. Shinn seconded, discussion: Board agreed the RFQ process needs to be stepped up a couple of months prior to the end of the contract. Jeffords said he understands the 130 cases at \$73,622.56 from Fay however there is no charges against a previous attorney and they might be acting to quickly to accept Fay's revised proposal at the 140 cases for \$78,622.52. No further discussion, motion passed with a yes vote from Shinn and Fuller and a no vote from Jeffords.

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Fuller moves to sign the Superior Court Indigent contract with R. Victor Bottomly for the period of February 1, 2016 to January 31, 2017 for 70 felony equivalent cases at the annual rate of \$60,000.00. Jeffords seconded, motion carried.

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Board met with Cathy Schaeffer, Deputy District Director and Mike Poulson, AG & Natural Resources Policy Director from Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers' Office and discussed local issues.

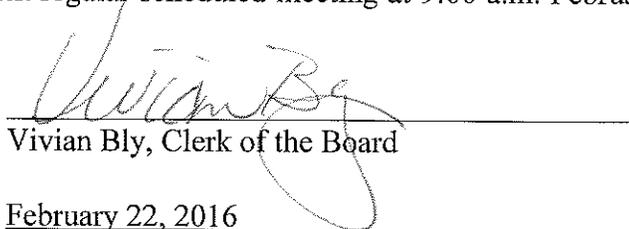
Executive session held at 11:58 a.m. for approximately forty-two minutes regarding personnel issues pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)

Board reconvened to regular session at 12:40 p.m. with all members present.

Board adjourned at 12:45 p.m. until their next regular scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. February 22, 2016.



Brian Shinn, Chairman



Vivian Bly, Clerk of the Board

February 22, 2016