

ASOTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 4, 2016

Regular Meeting

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

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

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Jeffords opened the meeting for nominations of Chairman for 2016. Fuller nominated Shinn as Chairman, Jeffords seconded, motion carried.

(2)

Shinn opened for nominations for Vice Chairman for 2016. Jeffords nominated Fuller, Shinn seconded, motion carried.

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Board discussed committee assignments for 2016.

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Fuller moved to approve the minutes of December 28, 2015 as written. Jeffords seconded, motion carried.

Open to the public:

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Clayton Strack, 39694 Snake River Road informed the Board he was unhappy with the Assessor's Office, said he received his revaluation and it increased by \$80,000.00 from the previous year. Strack said he went into the Assessor's Office to find out why and they told him they believed he had installed central air, which he had not. They told him, they visited his property and thought they saw where he put in a system. Strack said they did, after he talked to them, reduced the valuation back to where it was. Strack said he talked to Karst Riggers, Building Official and he said if the Assessor's Office had a question about it they could have asked if there was a mechanical permit.

Strack was asked if he knew if the Assessor was actually at his property. Strack said he was down flat on his back and by the time he got to the window he thought he saw their vehicle leaving the driveway.

Fuller said he used to work in that office years ago and they made an effort to make personal contact with the property owner.

The Board recommended he speak directly to the Assessor as she is an elected official and the Board can not tell her how to run her office. Strack said he believes she was in her office when he was there however she did not make an effort to come out and get involved in the discussion.

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Ray Reimer, 23574 Florence Lane said he has had the same problems with Assessor's Office. Reimer questioned the 1% property tax increase. The Board tried to explain the reasoning of the approved increase. Shinn explained the 1% equates to about \$22,000.00 to the County.

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Jeffords suggested these types of questions/issues would be good for a Town Hall meeting and having the Assessor present would be good.

Shirley Ackerman, 2016 World Jet Boat Race Director:

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Ackerman informed the Board, the St. Maries Chamber of Commerce has been awarded the bid to host the 2016 USA World Championship Marathon Jet Boat Race scheduled for May 20-29, 2016. Ackerman said this race is in the US every four years.

Ackerman informed the Board, one of the requirements is to have 500 river miles for the race and requested approval to utilize the Snake River/Grand Ronde River from Hells Gate State Park Marina to Boggan's Oasis on the Grand Ronde River on Friday, May 27, 2016 for a portion of the event. Fuller said our area probably has more spectator impact on the Snake River.

Shinn discussed meetings and ordinances by the Commissioners in 2010 and added he thought this would be a good activity for the valley and was excited about it.

Ackerman said a couple of months prior to the race they would be putting up posters regarding the race plus during the race they would have "runner" boats in front and behind the racing boats. Jeffords and Fuller said they both thought this was a good valley activity.

Fuller asked Ackerman if she knew how many boats they expected. Ackerman said she did not for sure, maybe 25 to 30, however, she has heard back from the Australians and they should have teams here.

Shinn asked if there was anything for the Board to sign if they were to approve this request. Ackerman said there is not. Fuller said we do not have any forms, however, we might check with NezPerce County to see what they use for waterway permits.

No action taken.

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Board gave committee reports.

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Jeffords said he would like to keep the committee assignments the same as 2015, Shinn agreed. Fuller recommended that the backup/alternate should attend meeting sometimes to stay informed in case he has to attend in the absence of the regular committee member. Fuller mentioned there were a couple of committees that may be inactive and if they are they should be removed. Fuller agreed to keep the committees assignments the same.

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Chris Kemp, CFO presented for the Chairman's signature the Underwriting Engagement Letter for Unlimited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds, 2016 with DA Davidson. Kemp explained the bonds all come up at different times for refinancing so this will be for only one bond.

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

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Board discussed the 2016 holidays in relation to Monday meetings and agreed, unless it is deemed an emergency to hold a meeting on another day during a holiday week, there would be no regular meeting they would sign vouchers only as in the previous years. Shinn pointed out, these holidays include two night meetings, January and February.

Open to the Public - continued:

(12)

Megan Stewart, Conservation District informed the Board she did attend a Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) meeting in Posser. Stewart said, Chelan and Thurston counties are close to getting their plans done and hope that there will be templates available soon. Stewart said she the benchmark expectations for 2012 were discussed so we need to go back and recapture from there. Also looking at Garfield County's interlocal agreement as a sample. Fuller said he has been involved in some discussions and suggested the Conservation District, Karst Riggers, County Building Official/Planner and the Board need to have a roundtable discussion. Shinn thanked Stewart for pursuing the program.

Stewart asked when the Board would want to schedule a meeting. Shinn said as soon as we get more material. Fuller said Riggers is the for the County so Riggers and the Board will meet and then have a meeting with the Conservation District.

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Media - None

Claims approved and ordered paid:

#001	Current Expense	\$ 21,601.51	\$147.00
#101	County Road	\$ 11,544.92	
#107	Veteran's Relief	\$ 714.13	
#108	Alcoholism	\$ 220.16	
#109	Emergency Mgmt	\$ 395.50	
#122	Ins In Lieu	\$ 100.00	
#129	Community Services	\$ 1,954.92	
#410	Landfill	\$ 2,805.71	
#414	Waste Reduction	\$ 466.40	
#501	ER&R	\$ 588.24	
#502	Central Services	\$ 1,443.00	

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

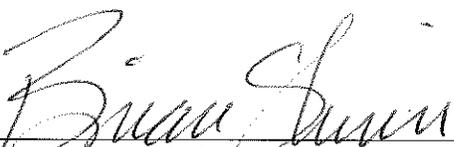
255198 through 255272 for \$41,834.49 and 255309 for \$147.00

Board recessed at 9:50 a.m. for approximately forty minutes.

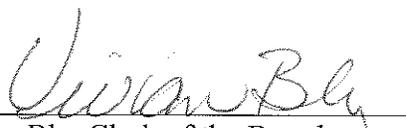
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Executive session held at 10:30 a.m. for approximately one hour regarding contract negotiations pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4).

Board adjourned at 11:30 a.m. until their next regular scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. January 11, 2016.



Brian Shinn, Chairman



Vivian Bly, Clerk of the Board
January 11, 2016