

ASOTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 14, 2019

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 Jeffords, Vice Chair and Chris Seubert, Member.

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

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Jeffords moved to approve the minutes of October 7, 2019 as written. Seubert seconded, motion carried.

Open to the Public:

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Carl Flynn, Asotin Creek Road asked if there was any reason the Headsgate Park couldn't be sold. Flynn said many years ago there used to be a county employee that lived there and maintained the place but now there isn't any real oversight. Shinn said part of the area is committed under grant funds that were used for work the Conservation District did, but the rest of it could probably be sold. Shinn said that Seubert sits on the Parks & Rec Committee and they have also suggested selling the property. Seubert said the Parks & Rec Committee has new active members that have recently brought up selling the property and putting a park in the Heights where it would be used.

Flynn said he would think the new code enforcement officer would have better things to do then monitor campers at Headsgate.

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Stan Wilson, Clarkston Heights thanked the Board for authorizing the code enforcement position.

Mark Janowski, Emergency Management Coordinator:

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Janowski presented for the Chairman's signature the FY2019 Emergency Management Performance Grant #E20-108 for \$18,000.00 for the period of June 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020. Janowski reminded the Board, these funds are used towards his salary. Janowski also presented for the Chairman's and Vice Chair's signature the Signature Authorization form.

Seubert moved to authorize the Chairman and Vice Chair to sign. Jeffords seconded, motion carried.

Dustin Johnson, Public Works Director:

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Johnson informed the Board, Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW) have formally requested to install an annual winter closure vehicle gate on Cougar Creek Road. Gate to be located at the bottom near the intersection with Grande Ronde Road. The purpose of the gate is to control vehicle access up Cougar Creek Road to protect big game during the crucial survival period of winter months. Johnson said this closure would be from December 1st through March 31st.

Johnson said he is not clear if the closure is only to vehicles or foot traffic also, which he will get clarified. Johnson informed the Board, the County as well as land owners will have the lock combination in case they need in the area.

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Jeffords said he sees the rational in the request and as long as the County and property owners have access if needed. Jeffords said he would like the clarification if the closure is only to vehicles or foot traffic also. Johnson said he will be clarifying and his concern is if the County has the right to restrict the foot traffic even if we are the stewards of the right-of-way. Johnson said this will be a good question for the CRAB Board. Shinn said the rules make sense but does need clarified.

Shinn asked if the winter is extended for a few more weeks like this year the County will need to be notified. Shinn asked if the County road closure policy will be updated before this closure. Johnson said the WDFW would like to start on the gate so he could see the policy update being done at the same time. Seubert asked who would own the gate. Johnson said he would think it would be the same as on the Smoothing Iron, owned by WDFW, but that also would need to be clarified.

By consensus the Board agreed to allow WDFW to install the gate with the clarification on foot traffic and who owns the gate.

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Committee reports.

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Shinn discussed the upcoming Lands Committee meeting on October 15th saying one of the items to be discussed is land transactions that the WDFW wants to look at again. One of those open for discussion again is the 4-O ranch, apparently the owner is now discussing selling the property that has the home and buildings which will be a tax revenue loss to the County. Shinn said other lands to be discussed are Snyder Bar; Ebsen fishing easement and Green Gulch inholding.

Open to the Public:

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Carl Flynn told the Board that WDFW has about 6-1/2 miles of property that borders his. Flynn said the WDFW was ready to sign papers to purchase his property until the Lands Committee came into play and then WDFW pulled out. Flynn said if WDFW purchases other property before his he will sue someone. Flynn said he was told by a couple of Lands Committee people that if WDFW was to purchase property that his would be on the top of the list. Flynn said that he would sue the County and the Lands Committee.

Shinn said that is a committee he sits on and he did not recall that. Shinn said the Lands Committee has been trying to get the WDFW to change their ways on how they manage the property they already have and not to buy up more until they can do that. By WDFW buying up property, it takes it off of the County tax rolls. Shinn said the Lands Committee made no recommendation to WDFW to not buy Flynn's land so Flynn should not sue the County or the Committee.

Stan Wilson said he also is on that committee and does not recall that Flynn property purchase was discussed.

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Media: None

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Claims approved and ordered paid:

#001	Current Expense	\$	80,429.25	\$276.86
#101	County Road	\$	61,005.80	
#104	County Fair	\$	33.59	
#106	Law Library	\$	185.24	
#107	Veterans Relief	\$	1,024.42	
#112	Noxious Weed	\$	1,663.75	
#115	DUI County	\$	171.33	
#117	Anatone Comm Bldg	\$	58.95	
#126	Building & Planning	\$	287.74	
#129	Community Services	\$	11,918.01	
#131	Inmate Monitoring	\$	75.00	
#146	Special Real Estate	\$	261.81	
#410	Landfill	\$	6,857.46	
#460	Stormwater	\$	33,412.43	
#501	ER&R	\$	15,480.06	
#502	Central Services	\$	10,233.35	

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

292904 through 293068 for \$223,098.19 and 292886 through 292903 for \$276.86

Executive session held at 9:50 a.m. for approximately thirty-four minutes regarding review of a County employee per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g).

Board recessed at 10:24 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. to start 2020 budget workshops.

Board reconvened at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, October 14th with all members present.

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Board held 2020 budget workshops with Chris Kemp, COO; Gloria Hancock, Financial Analyst and Holly Steiner, County Treasurer; Sarah Murt, Noxious Weed Coordinator and Darla McKay, County Auditor.

Board recessed at 3:56 p.m. until 9:30 a.m. to continue 2020 budget workshops.

Board reconvened at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 15th with all members present.

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Board continued 2020 budget workshops with Chris Kemp, COO; Gloria Hancock, Financial Analyst and Tammy Tenny, Superior Court Administrator; Ben Nichols, Prosecuting Attorney and Lisa Webber, Office Manager; Mark Heitstuman, County Extension Office and Kelly Ryan, Juvenile Administrator.

Board recessed at 12:05 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. to continue 2020 budget workshops.

Board reconvened at 1:00 p.m. with Shinn and Seubert present. Jeffords attending another meeting.

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Board continued 2020 budget workshops with Chris Kemp, COO; Gloria Hancock, Financial Analyst and Karst Riggers, Building Official; McKenzie Kelly, County Clerk; Jenny Rynearson, County

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Assessor. Jeffords now available to attend workshop with Tina Kernan, District Court Judge and Stacy Grijalva, Office Manager.

Board recessed at 4:25 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. to continue 2020 budget workshops.

Board reconvened at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 16th with all members present.

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Board continued 2020 budget workshops with Chris Kemp, COO; Gloria Hancock, Financial Analyst and Cynthia Tierney, Community Services Director; Mark Janowski, Emergency Management Coordinator; Darren Benefield, Central Services; Chuck Whitman, Chairman Veterans Relief and Peggy Hansford, County Fair President and Shan Bonson, Fair Board Treasurer.

Board recessed at 4:37 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 16th to attend a town hall meeting for a presentation on the proposed new jail facility. Meeting to be held at the new Asotin County Fire District #1 Fire Hall Auditorium at 2377 Appleside Blvd, Clarkston.

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Board reconvened at 6:30 p.m. on October 16th with all members present, to attend the town hall. No action taken.

Board recessed at 8:35 p.m. until Thursday, October 17th at 9:00 a.m. to continue 2020 budget workshop(s).

Board reconvened at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 17th with all members present.

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Board continued 2020 budget workshops with Chris Kemp, COO; Gloria Hancock, Financial Analyst and Dustin Johnson, Public Works Director with Glenn Scharnhorst, Road Supervisor; Jeff Wiemer, Stormwater Coordinator; Kelly Kinzer, Shop Foreman.

Board recessed at 12:05 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. to continue 2020 budget workshops.

Board reconvened at 1:00 p.m. with all members present.

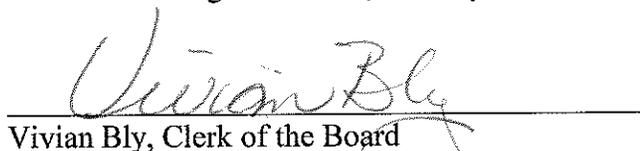
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Board continued 2020 budget workshops with Chris Kemp, COO; Gloria Hancock, Financial Analyst and John Hilderbrand, County Sheriff and Jody Brown, Undersheriff.

Board adjourned at 3:45 p.m. until their next scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m, Monday, October 21, 2019 to sign vouchers.



Brian Shinn, Chairman



Vivian Bly, Clerk of the Board

October 28, 2019