

ASOTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 15, 2020

Regular Meeting

The Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Asotin, State of Washington, met this date. Present was Chris Seubert, Chairman, Brian Shinn, Vice Chair and Chuck Whitman, Member. The meeting was also broadcast via webinar/teleconference.

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

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Whitman moved to approve the minutes of June 8, 2020 as written. Shinn seconded, motion carried.

Mark Janowski, Emergency Services Manager:

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Janowski presented the annual FY21 Coordinator Professional Development (CPD) grant that is renewed annually July 1st through June 30th. This grant is eligible for salaries, training, and travel.

Shinn moved to approve the CPD grant. Whitman seconded, motion carried.

Public hearing held at 9:15 a.m. with six public present in Commissioners Chambers (5-staff and 1-citizen), and was also available via webinar. Karst Riggers, Building Official/County Planner presented the Conditional Use Permit – Shoreline Management from milepost 5.78 to 6.39 Snake River Road. The project involves reconstructing, widening, and removing a section of the basalt cliff in order to widen the roadway and install guardrails. The permit will need to be approved by Department of Ecology as well, but the first step is to request for local approval.

Howard Miller, citizen questioned removing portions of the cliff, and wondered about boulders being used instead. Mr. Miller has concerns about the cliff sluffing. Dustin Johnson, Public Works Director/County Engineer stated that they aren't able to get the lane widths needed with using boulders. Dustin Johnson also stated that geotechnical engineers have reviewed the project as well.

Karst Riggers, indicated that he has received no public comment so far on the Conditional Use Permit, and advertisement, legal posting, and contacting the property owner has been completed. Riggers informed the public that he will be taking public comment which can be made until Friday June 19th by contacting Karst Riggers via email, in person, or by phone.

Howard Miller, citizen questioned the cost and Dustin Johnson didn't have the specific amount, but said it was a couple million.

No further comments, hearing closed at 9:22 a.m.

Dustin Johnson, Public Works Director:

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Johnson presented Resolution Designating County Road Project CRP NO 266 Lower Evans Road Construction Project. This is to rebuild a portion of Evans Road that has waves, lumps, and bumps in it. The cost is roughly \$138,000. Johnson explained there may be a spring under the road that will be addressed with the Evans Road Project. Whitman moved to approve the Resolution #20-18. Shinn seconded, motion passes.

Johnson presented the Heights Elementary/Lincoln Middle School ADA and sidewalk Improvement Project CRP 261 contract. This is phase one of a three phase project.

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Shinn moved to approve the contract. Whitman seconded, motion carried.

Johnson presented the Levi Luhn Borrow Pit Renewal Agreement.

Whitman moved to approve. Shinn seconded, motion carried.

Johnson gave a reminder that the Southway Bridge resurfacing project will start Monday June 22nd. A press release has been sent out and commuters should plan ahead or if able to take an alternate route. Johnson is unsure if sidewalks will be open over weekends that is a discussion that will be had with the contractor. Commissioner Shinn asked about the possibility of closing the walk way. Johnson said that through discussion with those on the MPO that was not brought up.

Chris Kemp, COO:

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Kemp presented the Department of Commerce Interagency agreement contract #20-6541C-002 for the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) funding. Commissioner Shinn stated that the State should be allocating roughly 45% to local governmental agencies, but currently we are only receiving around 14%. The funds can be used to seek reimbursement for COVID19 related expenditures and to assist with small business economic relief.

Shinn moved to approve. Whitman seconded, motion carried.

Other Action Items:

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Chris Seubert, presented the resignation of Dustin Johnson Public Works Director/County Engineer effective July 10th. Johnson stated that he appreciates the Board and staff and his experience with the County. Shinn thanked Johnson for his passion for Public Work's. Whitman as a citizen prior to his appointment as a Commissioner appreciated his efforts in the County and wished him the best of luck.

Whitman made a motion to accept the resignation and authorized to fill the position. Shinn seconded, motion carried.

Chris Seubert addressed the Sheriff regarding the County. The Sheriff reported that he is working with the Prosecutor's Office for confirming warrants and that we will see a growth in the Jail population.

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Committee reports.

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Open to the Public: None

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Media: None

Claims approved and ordered paid:

#001	Current Expense	\$34,810.63
#101	County Road	\$13,397.25
#103	Capital Improvement	\$270.77
#104	County Fair	\$69.23
#115	DUI County	\$171.81
#117	Anatone Community Hall	\$77.63
#122	Insurance Premium-In-Lieu	\$25.00
#125	Boating Safety	\$1,552.55
#126	Building & Planning	\$157.10
#127	Emergency Services Comm	\$1,991.05
#128	Hotel/Motel Tourism	\$23,515.53
#129	Community Services	\$9,327.82
#410	Landfill	\$1,279.89
#460	Stormwater	\$8,297.55
#501	ER&R	\$15,207.31
#502	Central Services	\$2,953.53

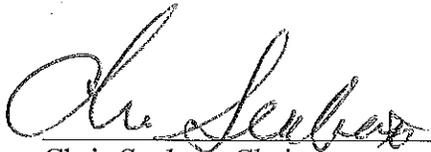
The following voucher (warrant) numbers are approved for payment:
299218 through 299331 for \$113,104.65

Executive session held at 9:56 a.m. for approximately an hour regarding contract negotiations per RCW 42.30.140(4).

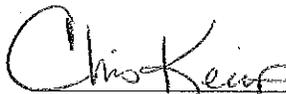
Executive session held at 11:00 a.m. for approximately 30 minutes regarding personnel per RCW 42.30.110(I).

Board adjourned at 11:30 a.m. until their next scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m., June 22, 2020.

June 22, 2020



Chris Seubert, Chairman



Chris Kemp, Acting Clerk of the Board