

ASOTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 27, 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.

(1)
Whitman moved to approve the minutes of July 20, 2020, as written. Shinn seconded, motion carried.

(2)
Shinn presented Ordinance 20-21, creating an Emergency Medical Service Dist. in rural Asotin County as discussed during the Public Hearing held on July 20, 2020. The district would be used to fund emergency medical services in rural areas that are not covered. Services would be funded by a levee. The levee would be put forth for a vote to only those who would be affected on the upcoming ballot. Chief Noel Hardin spoke regarding the need for such services based on the increased call volume. Shinn mentioned the possibility of a town hall meeting in Anatone to discuss the matter with the public when COVID-19 restrictions allow.

Shinn moved to approve. Whitman seconded, motion carried.

Lori Hyde, Family Resource Coordinator

(3)
Hyde presented the Asotin County Community Services "Birth to Three Program" via Zoom. It outlines the program's COVID-19 plan. She mentioned that there is a need for at least one in person meeting for assessments. There are some aspects to client care that cannot be observed via a Zoom meeting. After an initial assessment, meetings will be conducted via web whenever possible. The plan has been approved by the Health Department.

Whitman moved to approve. Shinn seconded, motion carried.

Eric Boggan, Vocational Program Manager

(4)
Boggan presented the DSHS DVR VR Job Service Contract #2063-82630, via Zoom. This is a renewal of last year's contract. The new contract ends June 30, 2022. New client services are on hold until contract is executed. There are no other changes from the last contract.

Shinn moved to approve. Whitman seconded, motion carried.

Glenn Scharnhorst, Road Supervisor:

(5)
Scharnhorst presented a Landowner Agreement between Asotin County and the Asotin County Conservation District for the Cottonwood Creek Fish Passage Project. Megan Stewart, Conservation District, confirmed that any new structure would have the load tolerance needed by the county.

Shinn moved to approve. Whitman seconded, motion carried.

Chris Kemp, Chief Operations Officer

(6)
Kemp presented a consultant Agreement for Engineering Service with TranTech Engineering. This agreement

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provides interim engineering services until a new Public Works Director/County Engineer can be hired. The Board will have authority over what projects are sent to TranTech but will do so based on the recommendations from the Public Works Department.

Whitman moved to approve. Shinn seconded, motion carried.

Kemp presented the Agreement between Asotin County and Clemons, Rutherford & Assoc. for architectural services for the new Jail. All previous questions regarding the agreement have been answered.

Shinn moved to approve. Whitman seconded, motion carried.

Kemp presented the Contract for Professional Services between Asotin County and The Wesley Group. The contract is for labor relations and if approved, becomes effective September 2020. There is one Union Agreement coming up that will need Wesley Group's services.

Whitman moved to approve. Shinn seconded, motion carried

Kemp presented the Contract for Legal Services for Indigent Persons in Asotin County Superior Court. The contract between Asotin County and Martonick Law covers defense services for Juvenile cases.

Shinn moved to approve. Whitman seconded, motion carried.

Karst Riggers, Building Official/County Planner

(7)

Riggers Presented Daniel Ransom Variance Permit 20-17. The applicant is requesting a variance to construct a detached garage 10'6" from the side yard property line on a corner lot of 2422 12th Ave, Clarkston, the setback requirement is 20'. The location of the existing septic system prohibits construction in other locations. Building and Planning Commission recommends approval of proposed permit.

Whitman moved to approve. Shinn seconded, motion carried.

Riggers presented the Lorna Campbell Conditional Use Permit 20-18. The applicant is asking to operate a kennel operation on her property located at 1540 Dustan Loop, Clarkston, for breeding purposes. The applicant is already operating as a kennel and is not looking to expand the operation. The applicant is looking to legitimize the operation and is working on getting a kennel license per zoning requirements. Building and Planning Commission recommends approval of proposed permit.

Shinn moved to approve. Whitman seconded, motion carried.

Riggers presented the Lorna Campbell Conditional Use Permit 20-19. Applicant wishes to build single-family dwelling on the property. Property will be sub-divided at a later date. Conditional Use Permit required due to Light Neighborhood Commercial Zoning. Building and Planning Commission recommends approval of proposed permit.

Whitman moved to approve. Shinn seconded, motion carried.

Riggers presented Planned Development by Grace Legacy, LLC for Preliminary approval. The development will consist of 29 single family dwelling lots for 0 lot line townhomes. Subdivision plans have been reviewed by the Planning and Public Works departments as well as Asotin County Fire District #1 and PUD. Building and Planning Commission recommends approval of proposed Planned Development submitted with accepting all County Staff,

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utility and Fire Department Requirements.

Whitman moved to approve. Shinn seconded, motion carried.

Riggers presented Ordinance No. 2020-22 declaring an emergency and suspending any type of fires/open burning in the unincorporated areas of Asotin County. Campfires are only permitted in Chief Timothy Park within designated fire rings. Approved Propane Fire rings and Charcoal BBQ fires are allowed throughout the unincorporated area. Commissioners mentioned the need for more burn ban signage along the Snake River so that beach goers and campers will be better informed.

Whitman moved to approve. Shinn seconded, motion carried.

Brady Woodbury, Health Dist. Administrator

(8)

Woodbury gave an update on COVID-19. There have been 24 confirmed cases so far. Two new cases reported in the last week. Pathologist Regional Laboratory has processed 1600 test with a 1.5% positive rate. The effective reproduction rate is currently 1.19. It needs to be below 1. Young adults are becoming more affected.

Recommends Social Distancing as the #1 priority and wearing a mask as #2. The district would like more support in promoting these priorities. The more people follow these guidelines the faster the county will be able to open back up. Board members expressed frustration with the governor's policies that seem to focus on what the west side of the state needs vs what we are dealing with as a border county on the east side.

(9)

Whitman motioned to reappoint Mary Olsen to the Housing Authority Board. Shinn seconded, motion carried.

(10)

Committee reports:

(11)

Media: None

Claims approved and ordered paid:

#101	Current Expense	\$41,537.59
#101	County Road	\$43,434.34
#104	County Fair	\$786.98
#112	Noxious Weed Control	\$115.59
#123	Comm Dev Block Grant	\$3,940.00
#126	Building & Planning	\$95.14
#127	Emergency Svcs Communication	\$143.57
#129	Community Services	\$1,584.18
#146	Special Real Estate	\$4,717.84
#170	Trial Court Improvement	\$822.10
#410	Regional Landfill	\$31,112.65
#501	Equipment Rental & Rev	\$2,970.05
#502	Central Services	\$2,559.70
#663	Cemetery District	\$56.22
#664	Public Facilities District	\$731.16
		\$134,607.11

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The following voucher (warrant) numbers are approved for payment:
300100 through 300178 for \$134,607.11

Board adjourned at 10:30 a.m. until their next scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m., August 3, 2020.

August 3, 2020


Chris Seubert, Chairman


Stacey Harman, Clerk of the Board