ASOTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
August 31, 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 August 24, 2020, as written. Shinn seconded, motion carried.

Kelly Ryan, Juvenile Court Administrator
(2)
Ryan presented the Nez Perce County/Asotin County Juvenile Detention Agreement. This is an annual agreement between the counties. The terms have not changed from the previous year's agreement. The daily rate to be charged to house Juveniles remains $175.

Whitman moved to approve. Shinn seconded, motion carried.

Jeff Wiemer, Regional Stormwater Coordinator
(3)
Wiemer presented the Palouse Conservation District & Asotin County Interlocal Agreement. This agreement outlines outreach and public education services to be provided by the Palouse Conservation District that allows Asotin County to remain in compliance with the Eastern Washington Municipal Stormwater Permit.

Shinn moved to approve. Whitman seconded, motion carried.

Wiemer discussed current projects within the county. Urban retrofit has been given the green light to go to 90%. Will be applying for a grant in 2021. The Ridges project is coming along and will be looking for grant funding this year.

Sydney Jackson, CASA Program Coordinator
(4)
Jackson presented the Interagency Agreement IAA21467 Between Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts and Asotin/Garfield County Juvenile Court for the Support of the CASA/Volunteer Guardian Ad Litem Program. The contract remains largely unchanged from last year.

Whitman moved to approve. Shinn seconded, motion carried.

Dawn Smith, SEWEDA Director
(5)
Smith from SEWEDA gave an update on the Asotin County Small Grants. Approximately $190,000 of the original $250,000 has been spent. She thanked the County on behalf of local businesses. Smith asked that SEWEDA be considered for any additional funding that may become available. Smith is currently processing applications for funding taking into account the number of employees when determining award amounts. Shinn asked if there was any funding being made available to Non-profit organizations. Smith informed that there isn't at the moment but is hopeful that a will be a package geared to youth services soon.

Michelle Peters, Visit Lewis Clark Valley, President/CEO
(6)
Peters gave an update on current valley tourism. She informed the board that the current adds placed would now be good for two years instead of one and that they would be focusing on marketing on-line adds. Income from lodging taxes is up despite COVID restrictions. Peters believes this to be people wanting to escape large cities during the pandemic. There also seems to be an uptick in motorcycle visitors. The Valley Chamber of Commerce has asked Visit LC Valley to help with the distribution of relocation packets due to office closures. There has been an increased demand for the packets. Two of the Pacific Northwest's best wineries are located in the area. Visit LC Valley will be marketing a 3 fish trip to attract anglers. The trip will include fishing for Chinook, Steelhead, and Sturgeon. Promotion areas now applies to communities with 40,000 or less residents. This gives the County the option of charging hotels with 40 or more rooms extra fees that can be used to fund projects to promote tourism.

Miscellaneous:
(7)
Seubert presented a letter to renew the Field of Dreams Lease with the Asotin County Little League.

Whitman moved to approve. Shinn seconded, motion carried.

(8)
Committee reports:

(9)
At 10:06 a.m. Board Recessed until 11:00 a.m. meeting with Walt Olson, Interim County Engineer.

Walt Olsen, Interim County Engineer
(10)
Olson presented the Bridge Load Rating Project Consultant Agreement. This agreement allows Tran Tech Engineering to perform load ratings for all group 2 bridges in Asotin County and the City of Asotin that require updates from SHV and EV vehicles as required by the Federal Highways.

Shinn moved to approve. Whitman seconded, motion carried.

Olson gave an update on other Public Works projects. The Southway Bridge project was completed and opened to traffic on August 11th. They are waiting on a remaining change order but expect the final bill to come $30,000 to $40,000 under the original bid. Olson asked that we add Grande Ronde Road Rural Arterial Program Final Prospectus to the next meeting's agenda even though traditional only hold a special meeting to review vouchers during weeks where a federal holiday falls on a Monday. The prospectus is time-sensitive. Olson mentioned that fuel tax revenue came in at 86% of normal. He had expected COVID to have more of an effect and that the number would have been lower.
The Heights Sidewalk project sent in the final bill last week. The cost of the job was under budget by approximately $500. Only paving is left on The Cottonwood Creek Project. Olson expects it to be completed in September. The county is done with seasonal seal coats. Olson is trying to get Geotech on the Evans Road project to go down 20' instead of 10'. This would give the County a better idea of what is causing the dip in the road and allow for a more permanent solution. Olson gave four ways to handle Quailwood Dr. issues. The Road does not meet County standards. Option 1. Do nothing, the road is not part of the County Road System. 2. Vacate the current Right of Way. 3. Ask property owners if they would like to form a local

improvement district to fix the road. 4. Construct a new road form the other side of the cul-de-sac. Olson suggests that the County should not add roads until they meet current road standards and that it would be best to vacate the right of way.

Olson requested that the County fill the vacancy left by the late Steve Polumsky. There are several in house candidates to be considered.

Whitman moved to refill. Shinn seconded, motion carried.

During the meeting Zoom attendee Becky Eklund- Asotin/Garfield Counties asked: "Will you continue to keep Judge Gallina on paid administrative leave?" via Zoom Chat. Stacey Harman, Clerk of the Board replied Via Zoom Chat "Becky, thank you for your question. Unfortunately, Board meetings are not open to public questions or comments at this time. Please submit any questions or comments via email."

Claims approved and ordered paid:

#100	Current Expense	$	96,358.86
#101	County Road	$	8,313.01
#104	County Fair	$	704.13
#126	Building & Planning	$	182.25
#127	Emergency Svc Communication	$	54,767.86
#129	Community Services	$	8,213.09
#410	Regional Landfill	$	626.61
#460	Regional Stormwater	$	79,694.78
#460.02	Stormwater Asotin City Capital	$	264.19
#501	Equipment Rental & Rev	$	1,385.62
#502	Central Services	$	3,380.00
		$	253,890.40

The following voucher (warrant) numbers are approved for payment:
300917 through 300978 for $253,132.04 and 300979 through 301019 for $758.36 totaling $253,890.40.

Board adjourned at 11:40 a.m. until their next scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m., September 8, 2020.

September 8, 2020

Chris Seubert, Chairman

Stacey Harman, Clerk of the Board