

**ASOTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**January 11, 2021**  
**Regular Meeting**

The Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Asotin, State of Washington, met this date. Present was Brian Shinn, Chairman; Chuck Whitman, Vice-Chair and Chris Seubert, Member.

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

(1)  
Seubert moved to approve the minutes of January 4<sup>th</sup>, as written. Whitman seconded, motion carried.

Mark Janowski, Emergency Services Director

(2)  
Janowski presented the Spokane County Emergency Management Homeland Security Grant Amendment. The amendment extends the end date of the grant to April 30, 2021. The grant funding will be used for a new emergency responders' base station. It will take approx. 3 months to build the radios.

Whitman moved to approve. Seubert seconded, motion carried.

Miscellaneous

(3)  
Shinn presented a letter appointing Chuck Whitman as the alternate to the PTBA for signature.

Seubert moved to approve. Whitman seconded, motion carried.

Committee reports:

(4)  
Gail Long, TDS Telecom

(5)  
At 9:15 a.m. a public hearing was held in the Commissioners Chambers and was also available via webinar. Long from TDS discussed A Resolution Granting a Franchise to Asotin Telephone Company D/B/A TDS Telecom and Providing for the Effective Date Hereof. The Franchise agreement will provide video service via fiber optic cable, within the City of Asotin. Based on approval the construction could be completed mid-March 2021 providing residents with increased internet speeds and another TV provider option. A 5% franchise fee will be paid to the County based on customers that use the new services.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, public comments will be accepted through Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at noon via e-mail to bocc@co.asotin.wa.us or via mail to PO Box 250, Asotin, WA 99402, or by phone at 509-243-2060.

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

Don Wee Tri-State CEO

(6)  
Don Wee along with Jolene Carper from Tri-State Memorial Hospital gave an update on the disbursement of the COVID-19 vaccine. 975 doses of the frozen vaccine have been received. The vaccine must be administered within 6 hours of defrosting and mixing. Each vial holds more than one dose. The hospital has to schedule patients so that there are no wasted doses. Once a patient has received the initial dose they must return in 21 days for a second booster dose. There are over 2500 patients in the 75 and older age group that qualify for the shot. Only 1 person has declined. Area residents can call the Hotline # (509)769-2215 to get on the list to receive a vaccine. Tri-State is working on finding a facility to do a large vaccine event once doses are available. There has been some uncertainty as to any future shipments. Assurances from the State that vaccines will be available are needed before any event scheduling can proceed. There are currently not enough vaccines to move to the next tier.

Committee reports (continued):

(7)  
(8)  
Executive Session held at 10:01 a.m. for approximately 18 minutes regarding Personnel per RCW 42.30.110(1).

Chris Kemp, County COO

(9)  
Kemp requested permission to start the process of filling the Public Works Office Administrator position based on retirement.

Board agreed by consensus to move forward with the hiring process.

(10)  
Executive Session held at 10:20 a.m. for approximately 24 minutes regarding Real Estate per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b).

(11)

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At 10:44 a.m. Board recessed until 1:00 p.m. meeting with Steve Pazzanghera.

Steve Pazzanghera, WDFW Region 1 Director  
(12)

Pazzanghera discussed the intent of the Wild Steelhead Coalition to donate land purchased along the Grande Ronde River to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. The parcel in question consists of 7.3 acres with an existing easement for approx. 5 camp spots and a bathroom and is located before the confluence with the Snake River. Jim Athern, Inland Empire Fly Fishing, noted that the owner of the property wanted to keep the land available for public use. Various organizations donated to the purchase of the property. Josh Mills, Wild Steelhead Coalition, noted that it only took 3 months to raise the money for the purchase.

. There are many people from outside the area, travel to the area to fish and help support local businesses. The land donation will go through the public comment process. Information will be available on WDFW land website. The County will get an update once the public comment period is complete.

Claims approved and ordered paid:

# 001	Current Expense	\$ 56,570.11
# 101	County Road	\$ 36,302.49
# 107	Veterans Relief	\$ 1,068.09
# 127	Emergency Svcs Communication	\$ 240.77
# 129	Community Services	\$ 16,332.95
# 170	Trial Court Improvement	\$ 218.87
# 410	Regional Landfill	\$ 5,144.41
# 460	Regional Stormwater	\$ 27.61
# 501	Equip Rent & Rev	\$ 8,374.29
# 502	Central Services	\$ 429.00
		\$ 124,708.59

The following voucher (warrant) numbers are approved for payment:  
304131 through 304230 for a total of \$124,708.59.

Board adjourned at 1:25 p.m. until their next regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. January 19, 2021.

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Brian Shinn, Chairman

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January 25, 2021

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Stacey Harman - Clerk of the Board