

ASOTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 6, 2023

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 Charles Whitman, Member.

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

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Whitman moved to approve the minutes of January 30, 2023, as written. Shinn seconded, motion carried.

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John Hilderbrand, Sheriff

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Hilderbrand, Code Enforcement Officer Ed Holbert, along with Jaime Young and Yanni Tsangeos from the Prosecutor's Office discussed the need for a hearing officer to be appointed for the abatement process as outlined in the Junk Ordinance. Ordinance 22-15 Section 7(C) states that "The hearing officer will be appointed for the Purpose by the Asotin County Board of Commissioners". Young noted that the ordinance does not have a point of contact for parties who wish to request hearing. Holbert noted that the notifications to the offender will have the information much like the animal ordinance. Seubert asked Young and Tsangeos if they had any recommendations on possible hearing examiner candidates. Whitman asked them to provide more than one for the Commissioners to review. Young questioned the board on who would be appointed to handle the administrative duties during hearings. Seubert said that the board will work with the PA's office to hammer out more details.

Maxwell Goins, Project Manager

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Goins presented the Washington State Department of Transportation Local Agency Federal Aid Project Prospectus for County Road Project 268, for installing sidewalks, curbs, gutters, and ADA-accessible ramps along 5th Ave. and Jackson Dr. adjacent to Heights Elementary and Lincoln Middle School.

Shinn moved to approve. Whitman seconded, motion carried

Goins presented the Washington State Department of Transportation Local Agency Agreement for Heights Elementary/Lincoln Middle School ADA Ramp and Sidewalk Improvements Phase 2.

Whitman moved to approve. Shin seconded. Motion carried.

Goins presented a proposed electric line and natural gas right-of-way easement. Avista has asked the County for an easement across the fairgrounds property to provide service to an adjacent lot. The proposed easement would run along the edge of the existing parking area. Goins is going to take the proposed agreement to Ben Nichols, Prosecutor, for review.

Erika Stricker, SEWEDA Executive Director

(5)

Stricker gave the Board an overview of what the Southeast Washington Economic Development Association does and their current projects. As the County's designated Associate Development Organization (ADO) SEWEDA provides advocacy and leadership as well as being the point of contact for local economic development activities, recruiting new businesses, and coordinating business retention and expansion efforts.

Other Action Items:

(6)

Miscellaneous

- Chris Kemp, COO, and Mark Janowski, Emergency Services Director, presented the Agreement for E911 Emergency Communications and Dispatch Services with Whitcom. The contract was originally on the agenda for last week but was delayed to allow the entities involved time to meet. The new contract is for one year with a substantial cost increase. Whitcom is looking at a new way to calculate costs for next year's contract. Kemp would like Whitcom to provide more notice and involve the County and other affected entities in the discussions. The County currently has one vote on Whitcom's Board.

Shinn moved to approve. Whitman seconded, motion carried.

Committee Reports

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Media

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Claims approved and ordered paid:

# 001	Current Expense	\$ 11,232.96
# 101	County Road	\$ 20,407.60
# 126	Building & Planning	\$ 149.04
# 127	Emergency Svcs Communication	\$ 69.76
# 129	Community Services	\$ 10,504.51
# 170	Trial Court Improvement	\$ 239.18
# 410	Regional Landfill	\$ 13,206.74
# 460	Regional Stormwater	\$ 174.47
# 501	Equip Rental & Rev	\$ 1,476.64
# 502	Central Services	\$ 586.30
		\$ 58,047.20

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

323589 through 323708 for a total of \$58,047.20.

(10)

Board recessed at 10:20 a.m.

(12)

Executive Session held at 10:25 a.m. for approximately one hour and eighteen minutes regarding personnel per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g).

(13)

At 11:44 a.m. the board met for approx. seventeen minutes for an administrative work session.

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Board adjourned at noon until their next scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. on February 13, 2023.

Chris Seubert, Chairman

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Stacey Harman, Clerk of the Board