

ASOTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 22, 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.

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.

(1)

Seubert moved to approve the minutes of February 8th and 16th, as written. Whitman seconded, motion carried.

Megan Stewart, District Programs & Operations Coordinator Conservation District

(2)

Stewart presented a Landowner Acknowledgment Form. The acknowledgement is part of the application process for grant funds from the Fish Barrier Removal Board to match funds from the Salmon Recovery Board to fund the Cougar Creek section of the Cottonwood Creek Fish Passage Restoration project.

Whitman moved to approve. Seubert seconded, motion carried.

Karst Riggers, Building Official

(3)

Riggers presented the Asotin County Library District Conditional Use Permit 21-01 asking to install an electronic reader board near the intersection of 4th Ave and Appleside Blvd. The sign is being donated to the Library district by Avista Corp. and will carry their logo. The logo qualifies the sign as offsite advertising. The sign will be approx. 12' off of grade. Planning Commission recommends approval as long as the County Public Works Department has a say in the final placement.

Seubert moved to approve. Whitman seconded, motion carried.

A public hearing was held at 9:15 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers and was also available via webinar. Asotin County Conservation District Programs & Operations Coordinator, Megan Stewart discussed the 2021 Noxious Weed List. Only one weed was added for 2021. However, there were corrections to the scientific names. Copies of the list are available on the Conservation's District's website (AsotinCD.org) Final adoption of the 2021 Noxious Weed List will take place during the Asotin County Noxious Weed Control Board meeting on February 26, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. via Go To Meeting. Additional meeting information can be obtained by contacting the Asotin County Conservation District at info@asotincd.org or by calling 509-552-8117. The public comment period will close at 12:00 p.m., on February 26, 2021. Public comments can be submitted in writing electronically to weeds@asotincd.org, mailed to the ACCD address listed below or placed in the drop-box outside the ACCD office.

No further comments, hearing closed at 9:21 a.m.

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John Hilderbrand, Sheriff

(4)

Hilderbrand presented the Washington State Patrol Amendment to Interagency Agreement, Agreement No. C110151GSC-4 extending the lease on the Puffer Butte Communication Site for an additional 10 years.

Seubert moved to approve. Whitman seconded, motion carried.

Steve Becker, Solid Waste Supervisor

(5)

Becker requested to fill a Computer Operator/Landfill Facility Technician position. The position will allow for opening the second entrance to the wood waste facility, alleviating some to the current traffic issues and speed up operations. Funding for the position was included in the 2021 budget.

Whitman moved to approve. Seubert seconded, motion carried.

Becker asked the board for permission to end the lease and purchase a new copy machine for the landfill. Purchasing the machine will have an overall savings of \$1600 for the year. A contract for maintenance will need to be negotiated.

Permission to move forward was granted by consensus.

Miscellaneous

(6)

Shinn read a portion of a letter written to Idaho Representative, U.S. Congressman Mike Simpson regarding the proposed dam breaching and salmon recovery. The letter was forwarded to the Spokesman Review and the Walla Walla Union-Bulletin for publication.

Whitman spoke about changes to the County website. Content has been added to New Jail Facility/Criminal Justice Center page. The County will continue to post updates, when available. Architects CRA have been working with the City of Clarkston on the zoning process for the perspective site. Whitman thanked the City's Public Works Department for their help.

Committee Reports

(7)

Claims approved and ordered paid:

# 001	Current Expense	\$ 76,484.67
# 101	County Road	\$ 24,020.18
# 103	Capital Improvement	\$ 8,601.71
# 115	DUI County	\$ 1,704.24
# 124	Treasurer's O&M	\$ 500.00
# 125	Boating Safety	\$ 10.00
# 129	Community Services	\$ 229.53
# 410	Regional Landfill	\$ 2,267.88
# 460	Regional Stormwater	\$ 996.53
# 501	Equip Rental & Rev	\$ 1,928.74
# 502	Central Services	\$ 3,014.90
		\$ 119,758.38

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

305204 through 305275 for a total of \$119,758.38.

The following voucher (warrant) numbers and direct deposit are approved for Payroll:

13498 through 13551 and 305191 through 305203 for \$61,087.02.

(8)

Executive Session held at 9:43 a.m. for approximately 11 minutes regarding Real Estate per RCW 42.30.110(c)

(9)

Executive Session held at 9:19 a.m. for approximately 28 minutes regarding Contract Negotiations per RCW 42.30.110(d).

(10)

Executive Session held at 10:27 a.m. for approximately 18 minutes regarding Personnel per RCW 42.30.110(1).

Board recessed until 8:15 a.m. Tuesday, February 23, 2021.

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(11)

Executive Session held at 8:15 a.m. for approximately 26 minutes regarding Contract Negotiations per RCW 42.30.110(d).

Board adjourned February 23rd at 8:41 a.m. until their next meeting at 9:00 a.m. March 1, 2021.

Brian Shinn, Chairman

March 1, 2021

Stacey Harman - Clerk of the Board