

ASOTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 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.

(1)

Whitman moved to approve the minutes of February 27, 2023, as written. Shinn seconded, motion carried.

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Eric Boggan, Vocational Program Manager

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Boggan presented Amendment of Solicitation/Modification of Contract. Amendemnt PS0005 to requisition/purchase number EQ10PME-21-0028. The amendment is for the first option year of the contract. It contains the standard % increase as well as an additional amount to cover the increase in minimum wage rate.

Shinn moved to approve. Whitman seconded, motion carried

Karst Riggers, Building Official

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Riggers along with Noel Hardin Fire Chief, Asotin County Fire District #1 discussed the Grandview Ridge subdivision and the findings of the recent Land Use Petition Act (LUPA) hearing. The Judge found in favor of the petitioners, Marvin Entel, Joyce Uptomr, and Carole McDowell, a secondary access road, as dictated by the fire code is not needed. Hardin recommended that the Board appeal the judgment noting that the Judge only interpreted one piece of the fire code. The Code gives authority to ask for more, in this case, they were only asking for minimum requirements to be met.

Whitman moved to appeal the decision per the recommendation of the Fire District. Shinn seconded.

Whitman indicated that the purpose of the fire code is safety, not money, and feels that if the County doesn't appeal it may open the door to more fire code appeals. Seubert noted that the Board does not consider themselves experts in these matters and has to rely on the advice of those who are.

Marvin Entel told the board that the previous subdivisions in the area are separate from the current one and should not be required to have the secondary access road as required for subdivisions consisting of 30 or more lots. And noted that if the County appeals the decision he will be asking for damages to cover attorney fees and the costs related to the project's delay.

The vote was called and the motion carried.

Charles Eaton, Public Works Director/County Engineer

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Eaton asked the Board for permission to fill a Landfill Tech II position.

Shinn moved to approve. Whitman seconded, motion carried

Eaton asked the Board for permission to apply for a Washington State Department of Transportation grant. WSDOT has opened another round of grants to fund bridge repairs, opening the projects to smaller

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county roads. The new grants do not require a match from the County. There is a better chance of receiving the award if the County is willing to add funds. He is looking to obtain funding for 10-mile bridge number 2.

Whitman moved to approve. Shinn seconded, motion carried

Other Action Items:

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Miscellaneous

- Whitman presented the Veterans Relief Fund Guidelines. The Veterans Advisory Board has added language defining a Veteran, using the definition language in RCW 73.08.005 to provide more clarity to the Guidelines.

Shinn moved to approve. Whitman seconded, motion carried.

Committee Reports

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Shinn Discussed with the Board a proposed letter to the Washington State Office of Public Defense regarding funding for indigent defense and addressing the problems Asotin County has finding Lawyers willing to provide those services.

The Board agreed by consensus that the letter should be sent.

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Media

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Claims approved and ordered paid:

# 001	Current Expense	\$ 94,942.21
# 101	County Road	\$ 51,978.64
# 104	County Fair	\$ 5,391.94
# 107	Veterans Relief	\$ 40.01
# 115	DUI County	\$ 2,160.00
# 129	Community Services	\$ 2,340.00
# 146	Special Real Estate	\$ 180.00
# 170	Trial Court Improvement	\$ 3,560.46
# 410	Regional Landfill	\$ 13,413.38
# 460	Regional Stormwater	\$ 408.10
# 460.001	Stormwater Asotin Co Capital	\$ 213.78
# 501	Equip Rental & Rev	\$ 67,530.96
# 502	Central Services	\$ 1,064.90
		\$ 243,224.38

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

324039 through 324134 for a total of \$243,224.38.

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The following voucher (warrant) numbers and direct deposit are approved for Payroll:
21551 through 21658 and 324272 through 324365 for \$487,580.38.

Board adjourned at 9:47 a.m. until their next scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. on March 13, 2023.

Chris Seubert, Chairman

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Stacey Harman, Clerk of the Board