

ASOTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 10, 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 April 3, 2023, as written. Shinn seconded, motion carried.

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(2)

Lora Gittins on behalf of Clarkston EPIC informed the board of the upcoming Community Event “Old Drugs, New Threats” resource Fair, Drug Take Back, Presentation & Panel Discussion to be held at Walla Walla Community College on Saturday, April 22, starting at 1:00 p.m.

Charles Eaton, Public Works Director/County Engineer

(3)

Mr. Eaton was unable to attend Monday’s meeting. Commissioner Seubert presented the Asotin County Borrow Pit Agreement with Carl and Debby Flynn on his behalf. The agreement provided has a dollar amount entered into Item #1 where a volume should be. Seubert thought that the \$4.50 entered should probably have been 450 cubic yards.

Shinn moved to approve contingent on confirmation of the cubic yardage. Whitman seconded motion carried.

Mark Janowski, Emergency Services Director

(4)

Janowski presented the Agreement between Spokane County Emergency Management and Asotin County in Conjunction with FY 2022 Homeland Security Grant Program. The grant has a performance period end date of 03/31/2024. It is an annual grant that usually has a full year. Due to the shortened period, Janowski will most likely be asking for an extension.

Whitman moved to approve. Shinn seconded, motion carried.

Chris Kemp, COO

(5)

Kemp presented the contract with Right Systems, Inc. for M365 & Domain Migration. As part of ongoing security upgrades, the County will be transitioning from co.asotin.wa.us to .gov. Funding is being provided by the Secretary of State and will need to be completed by the end of June. To avoid disruption in services, there will be a period where the old domain redirects to the new one.

Shinn moved to approve. Whitman seconded, motion carried.

Cynthia Tierney, Community Services Director

(6)

Tierney presented the Washington DSHS County Program Agreement School-To-Work Program Development, Agreement Number 2363-47574. The contract provides support and reimbursement to counties to develop and establish a School-to-Work program that will provide employment-related services to customers with intellectual/developmental disabilities who will be exiting their high school transition program, aged 20 to 21.

Whitman moved to approve. Shinn seconded, motion carried.

Tierney presented the Amendment of Solicitation/Modification of Contract, P00005 with the USAED, Walla Walla – Contracting Division. The modification reduces the amount of the contract due to cleaning days missed as a result of inclement weather.

Shinn moved to approve. Whitman seconded, motion carried.

Other Action Items

(7)

Miscellaneous

- Seubert read the State of Washington Proclamation, designating April 9-15, 2023 as Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

Whitman moved to approve. Shinn seconded.

Whitman noted that it is great to recognize public safety telecommunicators but was disappointed that the bill to include these workers in the Corrections/Law Enforcement Retirement System failed to pass.

Motion passed.

- Shinn presented a letter provided by the Eastern Washington Council of Governments opposing the breaching of the four lower Snake River dams addressed to Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell, U.S. Representatives Cathy McMorris Rogers and Dan Newhouse as well as Governor Jay Inslee. The Eastern Washington Council of Governments is asking the Board of Commissioners from each of its member counties to add their signatures in support of the letter.

Shinn Moved to approve, and Whitman seconded.

Seubert suggested that the letter be sent to the President of the United States, Joe Biden.

Whitman agreed. Shinn said that he would suggest sending the letter to the president during the next EWCOG meeting.

Motioned carried.

Committee Reports

(8)

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(9)

Media

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Claims approved and ordered paid:

# 001	Current Expense	\$ 102,766.68
# 101	County Road	\$ 11,319.72
# 104	County Fair	\$ 10,559.14
# 107	Veterans Relief	\$ 40.01
# 117	Anatone Community Hall	\$ 255.77
# 127	Emergency Svcs Communication	\$ 45.00
# 129	Community Services	\$ 17,252.12
# 146	Special Real Estate	\$ 210.00
# 170	Trial Court Improvement	\$ 239.14
# 410	Regional Landfill	\$ 10,410.14
# 413.10	Landfill Old Post-Closure Monitoring	\$ 2,445.00
# 460	Regional Stormwater	\$ 2,442.49
# 501	Equip Rental & Rev	\$ 4,975.53
# 502	Central Services	\$ 4,129.10
		\$ 167,089.84

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

325312 through 325420 for a total of \$167,089.84.

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

21857 through 21968 and 325221 through 325253 for \$380,829.62.

(11)

Board recessed at 9:56 a.m.

(12)

At 10:04 a.m. the board met for approximately 28 minutes for an administrative work session.

(13)

Board recessed at 11:13 a.m. until a meeting with the State Office of Public Defense scheduled for 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, 2023.

(14)

At 3:22 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, 2023, the Board met with representatives from the State Office of Public Defense to discuss the issues with finding indigent defense attorneys. The representative from the State consisted of Larry Jefferson – OPD Director, Lisa Dabalos-McMahon –Parents Representation Program Managing Attorney, Geoff Hulsey –Public Defense Improvement Program Managing Attorney, and Katrin Johnson –Trial Services Program Managing Attorney. Also in attendance were Chris Kemp COO and Superior Court Judge Brooke Burns. Katrin Johnson provided a handout that listed Recruitment and Retention Ideas for Smaller and Rural Jurisdictions. The information was compiled from discussions with other officials during meetings she has attended throughout the state. A handout showing the county public defense administration models in Washington was provided. The handout shows the changes in systems from 2005 to 2022 on a county-by-county basis.

Board adjourned at 5:05 p.m. until their next scheduled meeting at 6:30 p.m. on April 17, 2023.

April 17, 2023

Chris Seubert, Chairman

Stacey Harman, Clerk of the Board