

ASOTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
November 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.

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

(1)

Whitman moved to approve the minutes of November 8, 2020, and November 15, 2021, as written. Seubert seconded, motion carried.

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Lieutenant Colonel Rick Childers, US Army Corps of Engineers

(3)

Childers gave a presentation on the Army Corps of Engineers' past dredging policy and future dredging plans for the confluence of the Snake and Clearwater Rivers. When originally started the belief was that sediment would cause added flood risk to the area and dredging was needed to alleviate that risk. That type of conveyance dredging was discontinued in 1992. Federal responsibility is now limited to the navigation channel. There has been some confusion as to where the exact boundaries of the channel lie. The channel has never been adequately defined. A 1964 memorandum places the channel close to the Port whereas a 1985 report located the channel on the other side of the river. A 2014 Sediment Management ruling requires the Corps to have an analysis done to identify and evaluate measures aimed at reducing future maintenance and limiting environmental impact. The Corps is currently running river levels at minimum plus 3. These current conditions in the navigation channel have promoted the next dredging project to an immediate action status. Past precedents allow for the next dredging project to include an access channel to the Port of Clarkston. Federal standards normally call for the cost for access channel maintenance to fall Ports. Budgeting for the project would fall in the 2023 fiscal year however the immediate action status of the project would allow for the funding to be pulled forward. Engineers are currently modeling different options to satisfy the 2014 management ruling. Lieutenant Colonel Childers will be heading to DC to talk about budgeting requirements to keep the issues with the sediment in the confluence from becoming an annual issue.

Chris Kemp, COO

(4)

Kemp presented the Independent Contractor Agreement for Professional or Consultant Services, Asotin County Jail Contract for Medical Services with Dr. Elizabeth Black, MD. This is an interim agreement backdated to August 17, 2021, and runs through December 2021. Whitman and Seubert thanked Dr. Black and Kemp for their hard work.

Seubert moved to approve. Whitman seconded, motion carried.

Kemp asked the Board for permission to continue negotiations for a long-term contract with Dr. Black to provide medical services at the Jail.

Whitman moved to approve. Seubert seconded, motion carried.

Cynthia Tierney, Community Services Director

(5)

Tierney presented the Interagency Agreement Between the Washington Traffic Safety Commission and Asotin County Community Services. The agreement provides funding that will be used to improve pedestrian safety in the intersection adjacent to the Community Services Building.

Seubert moved to approve. Whitman seconded, motion carried.

Lori Hyde, Family Resource Coordinator

(6)

Hyde presented the Consulting Services Agreement CSA 2123014 By and Between Washington Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth 611 Grande Blvd. Vancouver, WA 98661 and Asotin County Community Services 644 6th Street Ste A, Clarkston, WA 99403. The agreement facilitates a full range of educational services to students who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Whitman moved to approve. Seubert seconded, motion carried.

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Ted Sharpe, Project Manager

(7)

Sharpe presented a letter to the Department of Natural Resources in support of LiDAR mapping. Data provided by the LiDAR mapping would improve the County's Mapping and increase the quality of information available for projects.

Seubert moved to approve the letter for signature by the Board. Whitman seconded, motion carried.

Sharpe presented the Washington State Department of Transportation Supplemental Agreement Number 4 to the Snake River Road M.P. 5.78 to M.P. 6.39 project. The agreement extends the timeline for the project to December 31, 2024.

Whitman moved to approve. Seubert seconded, motion carried.

Miscellaneous

(8)

A Personnel Action form from Jim Smith requesting permission to carry over 273.37 vacation hours into the next year was presented. Sheriff Hilderbrand recommended approval.

Seubert moved to approve. Whitman seconded, motion carried.

A recommendation for the appointment of Gretchen Nelson to the Housing Authority Board was presented.

Whitman moved to approve. Seubert seconded, motion carried.

Committee Reports

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Media

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Claims approved and ordered paid:

# 001	Current Expense	\$ 107,464.29
# 101	County Road	\$ 12,723.87
# 104	County Fair	\$ 178.30
# 107	Veterans Relief	\$ 106.41
# 123	Comm Dev Block Grant	\$ 40,011.03
# 126	Building & Planning	\$ 84.20
# 127	Emergency Svcs Communication	\$ 67,357.50
# 129	Community Services	\$ 8,439.31
# 310	Capital Projects Jail	\$ 1,040.66
# 410	Regional Landfill	\$ 7,560.30
# 460.004	Stormwater ER&R	\$ 30.50
# 501	Equip Rental & Rev	\$ 80.73
# 502	Central Services	\$ 456.80
		\$ 245,533.90

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

312051 through 312249 for a total of \$245,533.90.

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

16439 through 16499 and 312039 through 312049 for \$63,577.75.

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(12)

Executive Session held at 10:25 a.m. for approximately 24 minutes regarding personnel per RCW 42.30.110(g).

(13)

Executive Session held at 10:50 a.m. for approximately 10 minutes regarding personnel per RCW 42.30.110(g).

(14)

Board exited Executive session. Whitman motioned to extend an employment offer to the applicant for the Public Works Director position. Seubert seconded, motion carried.

Board Recessed at 11:01 until Executive Session scheduled at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 23, 2021.

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

(15)

Executive Session held at 9:00 a.m. for approximately 20 minutes regarding personnel per RCW 42.30.110(g).

(16)

Executive Session held at 9:30 a.m. for approximately 5 minutes regarding personnel per RCW 42.30.110(g).

Board adjourned at 9:35 a.m. until their next scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m., Monday, November 29, 2021.

Brian Shinn, Chairman

November 29, 2021

Stacey Harman, Clerk of the Board