BOCC Notable Minutes

Special Emergency Meeting: Monday, March 16, 2020

(Via telephone conference) Chairman Rex F. Johnston advised that on the recommendation of the Interim Public Health Director and Director of Emergency Management he declared an emergency on Saturday, March 14, 2020 in response to public health due to the Covid-19 Outbreak. (3/16)

Discussion followed as to how to maintain essential services. The Board of Health met earlier that day with the Klickitat County Health Officer David Kavanagh and Incident Commander/Emergency Manger Jeff King. (3/16)

The board also discussed and designated Commissioner Jim Sizemore as the Interim Chairman due to his location close to the courthouse. He assumes all powers of the Chairman and regular meetings will be held by telephone conferencing during this crisis. (3/16)

Public Works/Road Department:

The board agreed with recommendations from Public Works to close the fairgrounds, firearms rang and restroom facilities. (3/17)

The Board also discussed a replacement aviation fuel system at the airport, which the County owns jointly with the city of The Dalles. (3/17)

Public works Director Gordon Kelsey discussed the 197 Bridge project will start in 2021 and will not close the bridge for the duration of the project. Closures will be either nightly (Sunday through Thursday) or for extended weekends (Thursday night through very early Monday morning). Construction staging will be in the Dallesport area. (4/17)

Sewer and water rates at this time were discussed the PUD has decided to waive any rate increases this year and asked if the County was considering waiving rate increases. Director Gordon Kelsey agreed to check into scheduled Dallesport Waste Water rates, noting that the PUD manages the facility and their budget does not reflect any rate increases. (4/21)

Natural Resources/Economic Development Department Update:

Director Dave McClure discussed the Dallesport Water District’s (DWD) approved Landfill gas Improvement project. DWD indicated they would like to change the scope of the work for the project which would require a new application and review. (3/17)

Economic Specialist Richard foster provided an update on the Dallesport Airport. (4/7)

Treasurer’s Office Update:

Public works Deputy director Jeff Hunter requested and received permission to proceed with the bid from Mission construction, Inc. for installation of a concrete containment slab, tank supports, electrical work and catch basin at the Dallesport Airport for a new fuel tank. (4/7)

New Business:

Approved and Passed unanimously four (4) resolutions to deal with the outbreak crisis in the County. (3/17)

Sheriff Update:

Citizen Comment:

County resident Dan Gunkel expressed concerns regarding transient camping on Corp of Engineers’ properties on both sides of the Columbia River noting that there are no bathroom facilities and no management of the properties. Congresswoman Herrera-butler’s Office to ask if funding could be made available for Bathroom facilities or to have the sites gated. The Board agreed. (4/21)

Public Hearings/Meetings/Bid Openings:

Consent Agenda:

**PULLED** Notice of scheduling a public hearing to allow the operation of wheeled all-terrain vehicles on County maintained roads with posted speed limits of 35 miles per hour or less in Dallesport and Bickleton. (3/17)

Building & Code Compliance:

Unfinished Business:

Approved and Passed Unanimously: Task order No. 13(C05820) to the Professional services Agreement between Precision approach Engineering, City of The Dalles and Klickitat County for the purpose of providing consultant and engineering design services during the construction of the North Apron rehabilitation Phase II Project in the amount not to exceed $229,850. (4/21)

Miscellaneous Reports: