BOCC Notable Minutes

Public Works/Road Department:

Public Works Deputy Director Jeff Hunter shared the COVID-19 Temporary Operating procedure effective May 21, 2020, for the Firearms Training Facility. The Board was in support. (06/02)

Public Works Deputy Director Jeff Hunter reported the County Firearms Training Facility has re-opened and appointments are being scheduled. (06/9)

Economic Development/ Natural Resource Department Update:

Economic Specialist Richard Foster provided an update on the status of the CGRA’s submission for a FAA Grant and construction progress. (6/16)

An update was provided about the economic development Grant application for the CGRA in Dallesport and the Columbia gorge Community College Aviation Program. (6/23)

Economic Development Specialist Richard Foster reported on the CGRA Federal Economic Development Administration grant application. (6/30)

Director Dave McClure reported an update on the Goldendale Pump Storage Project. (6/30)

Public Hearing:

Public Works deputy Director Jeff Hunter reported on a 45-foot strip of road right-of-way running east from the end of Shepler Street (Dallesport) that is needed to access and utilities to lots that are now being developed; the west half of this road was constructed, extending Shepler Street in 1992. However, the east half was not constructed at that time. (6/16)

Dallesport resident Anthony Rizzi sought clarification regarding the hook-ups. (6/16)

The Board discussed future development in the Dallesport area, followed by a motion. (6/16)

Approved and passed unanimously: **Resolution No. 08820** in the matter of intent to establish an additional portion of a dedicated plat road now known as Shepler Street, County road No. 20980 in Dallesport, Washington. (6/16)

Approved and passed unanimously: **Ordinance No. O062320-2** in the matter of amending the Klickitat County Code chapter 10.24 to allow the operation of wheeled all-terrain vehicles as described in RCW 46.09, on County maintained roads with posted speed limits of 45 mph or less in Bickleton and Dallesport. (6/23)

Unfinished Business:

Building & Code Compliance Director Lyn Ward discussed and reviewed the nuisance and code violation enforcement responsibilities being transferred from the Building and Code Compliance Department to the Sheriff’s Department: Director Ward stated that the Code Compliance Program has not been updated and it has become ineffective for cases where violator(s) will not comply with Klickitat County Code. (06/09)

The Board has stated the cost of the abatements has become extraordinarily high and as stewards of taxpayer’s dollars, a lot of consideration needs to be taken into account prior to an abatement, followed by a discussion about the abatement process. (06/09)

Consent Agenda:

Letter and Resolution No. 08820 in the matter of reappointing Jerry Smith and David McNeal to serve on the Klickitat County board of Equalization; Jerry Smith representing commissioner No. 1, and David McNeal representing commissioner No. 2. (06/09)

Resolution No. 08920 in the matter of suspending the investigation and abatement of code enforcement to include nuisance complaint cases through the end of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. (6/16)

Resolution No. 09120 in the matter of additional items, after acknowledging the County has the financial capability and will provide the required non-federal match up to 20% for the Aviation and storage hanger to be located at the CGRA in Dallesport. (6/16)

A contract (**C13820**) between the principles of the CGRA and crestline Construction Company, LLC for the North Apron Rehabilitation and Taxiway Improvements Project as bid in the amount of $1,699,293.75. (6/30)

Elected Official Report/Update:

Treasurer Gregg Gallagher stated he is looking into virtual options for a tax title sale for foreclosure properties. (6/30)

Prosecuting Attorney’s Office:

A discussion regarding the procedure to suspend the Abatement of Nuisance Abatement Complaint Cases was held. (06/09)