BOCC Notable Minutes

Jan 26, 2021 minutes posted 02/22.

First Order of Business:

2021 election of Chairman & Vice-Chairman; Approved and passed unanimously the election of David M. Sauter as Chairman, and Jacob L. Anderson as Vice-Chairman. (01/05)

Public Works/Road Department:

Economic Development/Natural Resource Development Update:

A discussion was held about parcels of County-owned land in Dallesport and the Klickitat Mill site. (01/05)

Miscellaneous Reports:

Public Utility District Joint Meeting and Quarterly Project Update;

(PUD) No.1 General Manager Jim Smith reported the service rates in Klickitat County area ranks 15th out of 35 in the State. *(Unknown is if this ranking is from the highest rate [assumed] or from the lowest rate.)* (01/26)

General Manager Smith stated the PUD operates 15 water and wastewater systems; Chairman Sauter reported this year is the last payment on the Waste Water Treatment Plant in Dallesport. General Manager Smith noted the PUD Board of Commissioners would like to have a further discussion about water in the Dallesport area. (01/26)

The future infrastructure of the Dallesport area and the old Aluminum Plant site for future projects were discussed. (01/26)

Citizen Comment:

The Energy Over Lay Zone ant the solar energy industry regards to Klickitat County sites continue to be an issue. Citizens are determined to push back hard requesting and suggesting moratoriums on stopping the forward motion with any changes within the County. (01/12)

Consent Agenda:

A shuffling of various Boards has been divided amongst the County Commissioners. Most notably, Jacob Anderson was appointed to the Columbia Gorge Regional Airport. (01/12)

Appointments were made for Jacob Anderson and Dan Christopher to the Klickitat County Public Corporation Board of Directors. (01/05)

Appointments were made for individuals to the Klickitat County Public Economic Development Authority Board. (01/05)

Public Meetings/Public Hearings/Bid Openings:

Public Meeting: (Anderson & Christopher) **Approved and Passed unanimously a resolution**; determining the proposed amendment to the Mountain View Estates Subdivision in the Dallesport vicinity is not substantial in nature. Applicant Greg Wallace (Darrin Eckman, representative).

The amendment consists primarily of converting the proposed Public roads and paths to private ownership. The 60-foot access and utility easement and paved 24-foot road with will remain the same. The lot configuration is also revised; although the total number of lots twenty-six (26) will remain the same. An updated Stormwater Plan will be submitted as part of this amendment. (01/26)

All roadways will be accessible to the Fire Depart. And all utilities will be in the right-of-way and accessible. No State Routes or Highways are affected by this project.

WJ Morris was recognized and posed a question that was answered in this discussion. (01/26)

Prosecuting Attorney’s Update:

Prosecutor David Quesnel stated the backlog is significant that there will be criminal offenses that require dismissal, and not an ideal situation. (01/05)

Elected Official Report/Update:

Treasurer Greg Gallagher had a brief discussion about the last Dallesport Waste Water Treatment Plant payment. (01/26)

Board Pending:

Issues determined by the Board: (Anderson & Christopher) **Approved and Passed unanimously a resolution**; to support Senate Bill 5206; Eliminating processing of an alternative energy resource facility fueled by solar energy on certain designated lands before the energy facility site evaluation council. 01/26)