

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

November 23, 2021 – 9:00 am

Those present were:

Commissioner Gary Weaver
Commissioner Deena Vietzke
Commissioner Kenny Schutte

Executive Director Chris Faix
Executive Assistant Carmon Derting

Guests:

Jay Weise, Adams County Commissioner
John Erickson, Othello City Council
Doug Barger

Called to order at 9:01 am.

D. Vietzke made a motion to approve the Agenda, G. Weaver second, motion passed
G. Weaver made a motion to approve minutes from November 9th, D. Vietzke second, motion passed
D. Vietzke made a motion to approve vouchers, G. Weaver second, motion passed. There were questions on the Columbia Basin Media Group and Garage Doors and More invoices

John Erickson came to discuss the Highway 26/Reynolds Property. He has volunteered to be the point person. He has been talking with Robin and discovered that a drain study needs to be done. It was thought that Worley had done that. C. Faix will make sure copies are sent to the District and BOR. One drain will remain through the property and an inceptor drain is needed. Neither one can have any building over it and the inceptor drain will run parallel to the existing drain resulting in a larger easement. There is thought that if the canal is buried, the interceptor drain will not be needed. C. Faix will working on getting that in writing. The drain study will be used to determine if the water in the drain is natural ground water (which would require the interceptor drain) or from laterals. There was review of the questions that have been presented from the City. It was agreed that the Port and the City be partners in getting the land shovel ready. Two of the other problems are the DOT Roundabout that and the widening of Reynolds Road. There was an idea of the Port keeping the 7 acres and possibility gifting the remainder to the city in exchange for the utilities being brought to Reynolds Road. The City is also welcome to purchase the land. C. Faix will talk to JUB about the drain study. A geotechnical survey and a development survey may also need to be completed. The studies could be in the title search. The Port needs to discuss what would be in their best interest as well as a potential time line.

Kyle has been hired as the new Economic Development Director for ACDC.

Jay Weise reported that the Adams County Commissioners are moving forward with Broadband. It will be a \$12m project with the County needed to pay 10% of that. Patty will send a link to the County Commissioner Meetings. The budget process has changed and seems to be working well. There has been a raise in the insurance cap and wages for the next year. December 13th and 15th have been set aside for budget hearings. Each department will present their own budget proposal.

Hangar 4 Update

Straight A has paid a third party to file the required paperwork for the completion of the Hangar 4 Project. There has been a water leak into Storage 1. It appears to be the seal under the door. There is no outer slope to the concrete, it is sloped inward. An additional rubber barrier will be put in place.

JUB has been approved to engineer the paving of the Tie Down. The FAA wants an RFQ done for the project.

The HAMM radio group removed their equipment from the Airport. Starlink will be contacted for internet.

Bruce Water

DOH has accepted the 50 connections. LAD still has not installed the Field Commander equipment. C. Faix will call next week and speak with a manager.

Property Development

There may be an offer coming in on Highway 26/Reynolds to keep it as farm ground.

Incubator

Platte River will keep unit 2 one more month. B's Rubs has signed contract. It was reiterated that C. Faix is to oversee the day-to-day operations of the incubator.

Commissioner Compensation

It was reiterated that there will be a drop to \$700 a month for insurance. This allows for 6 extra meeting a year.

Boyd Report

A copy of the Boyd report was handed to each Commissioner. It was requested that it be emailed as well.

D. Vietzke made a motion that the Port pay for the Long-Term Care Act for the Commissioners and the employees, G. Weaver second, motion passed.

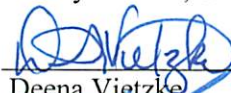
All guests left once the Commissioners announced that the meeting will go into Executive Session at 11:07 am for 3 minutes to discuss the Personnel Issues. The Executive Session ended at 11:10.

D. Vietzke made a motion to give the employees a merit bonus of \$3500 in December, G. Weaver second, motion passed.

With no further business coming before the Port of Othello Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.



Kenny Schutte, Chairperson



Deena Vietzke



Carmon Derting, Executive Assistant



Gary Weaver