

BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Weekly Agenda Meeting
Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at 1:30 PM

City Council Chambers, 129 North 2nd Street, Yakima, Washington

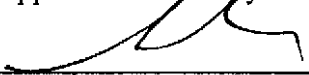
- **PRESENT:** Michael D. Leita, J. Rand Elliott, Legal Counsel Don Anderson, Clerk of the Board Rachel Michael. Chairman Ron Anderson was excused.
- **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
- **CONSENT ITEMS:** Approved as presented.

FUNDING LEVEL: A=No Impact B=Under \$100,000 C=\$100,000-\$500,000 D=Over \$500,000				
DEPARTMENT	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	FUNDING LEVEL	ACTION
Public Services Matt Pietrusiewicz, County Engineer	Reso 291-2018	Vacating Certain Road Right-of-Way Dedicated on the Face of the Plat of Miller-Maier Place:	A	APPROVED
Matt Pietrusiewicz, County Engineer	Reso 292-2018	Vacating and Abandoning Certain Road Right-of-Way of North Rushmore Road:	A	APPROVED
Commissioners Ron Anderson, Chairman	Reso 293-2018	Appointing One Member to Horticultural Board:	A	APPROVED
	Voucher/Warrant	Certification of Salary Clearing Warrant No. 651156 through 651726 in the net amount of \$601,373.98:	A	APPROVED
	Minutes	Approve Agenda Minutes of 8/21/18:	A	APPROVED
Corporate Counsel Don Anderson, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney	Agreement Reso 294-2018	Claim 25-2018 as Filed by Ameriprise on Behalf of Randy Sperle:	B	APPROVED
Financial Services Craig Warner, Director	Agreement BOCC204-2018	Agreement with the Yakima County Development Association to Provide Economic Development Services from 2019 to 2023:	B	APPROVED
Human Resources Jacqui Lindsay, Director	Reso 295-2018	Adopting a 2018 Direct Reports Pay Plan for Certain Direct Reports and Department Heads of Yakima County:	B	APPROVED
	Agreement BOCC205-2018	Personal Services Agreement with Lower Valley Fitness Club, Inc. to Provide Corporate Membership for Yakima County Employees:	B	APPROVED
Sheriff Brian Winter, Sheriff	Agreement BOCC206-2018	Interlocal Agreement with the City of Sunnyside for the Domestic Cannabis Eradication Grant:	B	APPROVED
Technology Services Gene Pugnetti, Director	Agreement BOCC207-2018	Agreement with Vertiv Services, Inc. for Maintenance on Data Center UPS and YCCC UPS:	B	APPROVED

- **REGULAR AGENDA:** Approved as presented.

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Public Services Matt Pietrusiewicz, County Engineer	Agreement BOCC203-2018	Agreement with KLB Construction, Inc. for the RC 3362, RC 3631, U6 3675 & RR 3362; Maple Avenue Improvement Project:	D	APPROVED


Approved this 4th day of September 2018.



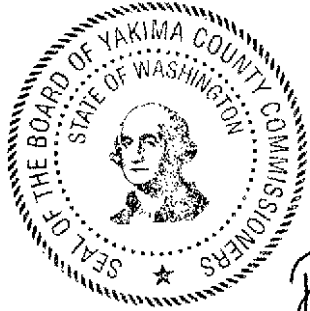
Ron Anderson, Chairman

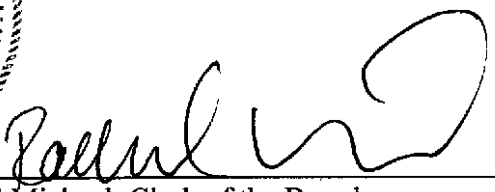


Michael D. Leita, Commissioner



J. Rand Elliott, Commissioner





Rachel Michael, Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING**

Date: August 28, 2018
Re: Revision and Extension of the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program
Time: 2:00 P.M.
Location: City Council Chambers, 129 North Second St, Yakima, Washington
Present: Commissioner Michael D. Leita
Commissioner J. Rand Elliott
Legal Counsel Don Anderson
Clerk of the Board Rachel Michael
Chairman Ron Anderson was excused

Record of Proceedings

Matt Pietrusiewicz, County Engineer – I am Matt Pietrusiewicz, County Engineer. The purpose of this hearing is per statute, RCW, we are required to annually reevaluation, update, and revise the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan. I have distributed my proposed plan to you. I'd like to take you right to page 4, and get down the root of it, the money issues here. It's kind of interesting timing here for this next six years. As most of us are aware, for the past several years we have been working on a new East/West Corridor. It's coming to fruition now. Beginning in 2019, we are beginning construction of this corridor. It's a three-phase construction process for the County and its going to take pretty much these six years. Next year, phase two in 2020, and phase three in 2021. Phase 3 is the largest phase, it is crossing the Yakima River and the Interstate with major structures. I anticipate that the final construction of that will be 2023 or 2024. Those things take time. That phase is funded primarily, almost exclusively by Connecting Washington funds, which are not available until 2021. So, that kind of sets the timing of it. On page 4, it's an overview of our revenues versus our expenditures. One thing I'd like to point out is the estimated cash carry over on the top line there, you'll notice in 2019, we're estimated close to \$2.5 million for a carry-over in cash. That's kind of the healthy level we like to keep. Given our aggressive schedule, if you look at 2020 we are looking at potentially less than \$1 million of cash-carry over and that's due to a lot of local fund match, and when I'm talking about local funds, I'm talking about gas taxes and property taxes and matching funds to leverage grants to get this phase one kicked off and keep our other construction going. Moving to 2021, you'll notice there is \$5 million and that is explained towards the bottom of that where it says debt issue, with the possibility of a \$5 million bond to keep that going. The reason I had this in here, it was placed there by me predecessor and I felt that I should keep it in there. Fifteen to twenty years ago, the Yakima County Public Works took out four public works trust fund loans to fund gravel roads and bridge replacements. Those loans are maturing and will be expired beginning in 2019, through 2021. Over the last 20 years, that's been a million dollars out of our revenue to fund that debt service. With that expiring, this \$5 million bond would add about \$350,000 debt service per year. So, I would like to keep that. Obviously, we are not making that decision now, but I think for future planning purposes that's why we have that in there. Funding wise or revenue wise, we break it down to two things. We call it local revenue and we have grant funds. The top part of this is our local revenue, that is road levy, gas tax and some of the others, like Federal Forest tax and other odds and ends. It is just over \$21 million. Out of that, we fund our road maintenance, our administration, and again our capital. Looking further down that page, we have these grant monies, federal funds and state funds, are more project specific. You'll notice we don't have, with the exception of the \$1.2 million in federal that for the Fort Road bridge, we have not secured any federal funding for other projects, although we are actively pursuing that, and I anticipate moving forward, we will have money to fund some of those other projects. At the very bottom of the revenue side, we talk about other local project revenue. That, the SIED, is pretty much exclusively the East/West corridor also. I want to emphasize for the Six-Year Transportation Plan, the priority on the improvement plan is to get the East/West corridor built. I have made sure we have the funding available to do that. On expenditures, again, if you look at the top two, you are looking at construction expenses, you are talking about County Road funds and all other sources. And, all those sources are the grant programs that are specifically for a certain project and their local funds that are leveraged filling in the gaps for getting these capital improvement projects built. Our maintenance expenses has been holding steady for the last 15 to 20 years. Annual increases account for inflation and wages and it is a pretty modest increase. The administration expenses, that includes accounting costs to keep the books and the vast variety of fixed costs, like rent. The operations expense in the risk management, again that is our engineering, surveying, construction and our risk management. I touched on the debt service earlier and then at the bottom there is our agreement with Yakima Sheriff's office for traffic policing. That is just over \$500,000 per year. Any questions on that? Moving forward, I am not going to go through these

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item by item, this is very similar to last year to be honest with you, with the exception of we are dropping off stuff we have built. I was very hesitant to add new projects due to the cash carry over issues and committing more funds on paper. So, it is very similar with the exception of item 14, which I know there is some interest in that and that is the Yakima Valley Highway Gurley Road Intersection where we had a fatality a few years ago. In conversations with the Board and my personal opinion, that we need to improve that intersection. I have allocated \$50,000 for preliminary engineering and the \$1.2 million I have for construction and right-of-way acquisitions and construction expense, is a very rough number and will be really fine-tuned once we get our engineering completed, we'll know exactly what the extent of this project will be.

Mike Leita – This is a public hearing; anyone wishing to come before the board and speak regarding this issue may do so at this time. Matt if you want to stand by or sit by, we welcome anyone wishing to come forward and make comments concerning the Six-Year TIP Plan.

Bryan Smith, Attorney from Tamaki Law on behalf of Juana and Raul Mendoza – Good afternoon, my name is Bryan Smith with Tamaki Law Offices here in Yakima. I have the pleasure and honor of representing the family of Angel Mendoza. Juana and Raul are here with their family and friends. They were part of a lawsuit that was filed against the County regarding the death of their son at the intersection of Yakima Valley Highway and Gurley Road and I believe the Board has heard from Mr. Pietrusiewicz about those facts and has reviewed that claim and probably has been apprised of the outcome of that case. We're here to urge the Board to take action on the recommended Six-Year plan presented Mr. Pietrusiewicz. I know that's going to take place next, not today, but we're here to give the family an opportunity to express their gratitude to Mr. McHenry and Mr. Pietrusiewicz for really going to bat for changing this intersection, making the necessary changes so that this doesn't happen again and take the life of another young person or anyone for that matter. They're very pleased with the way the County has handled the claim from start to finish and their very much looking forward to those changes taking place in the near future. So, if you would like to say a few words, you are welcome to. This is Juana Mendoza and her husband Raul.

Juana Mendoza – Hi, thank you for this opportunity. Again, thank you, we feel it's really important for the changes requested to be completed. We don't want this to happen to anybody else, whatever age and we hope that this plan goes through, gets voted in. It was a terrible accident, just wanted to share to get it off of my chest, that when they showed us our son in the casket he was missing half of his face and that was really hard for us and I just wanted to share that with you guys because it was really bad and I've never said anything about it, but right now I wanted to share that it was a really bad accident and I hope that never happens to nobody, nobody deserves that. I hope something is done with the change of the road. As a mom, I wish I could have prevented that with my son or as a parent if you have children and we are meant to be there to protect them and be there with them and I couldn't. That is the only thing I have to deal with is every day just waking up and praying, give that guilt to the Lord and praying nothing happens before the road is fixed or done something to prevent something like this. Again, thank you very much for hearing us.

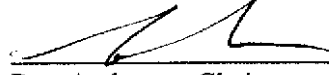
Raul Mendoza – Like my wife, I want to say thank you for hearing us. It is really hard and I'm just worried a little bit about my daughters because we live really close to that intersection right there. I'm just trying to explain to you, it is hard and right now from a month ago I am driving exactly right there because I am a contractor. So, I remodeled peoples house right there, so I work by that curve every day. I see a bunch of cars when I am driving its like a little confused in that place and its like when I'm driving I see a car trying to go straight and I see the driver confused, not sure to go straight or stop. Right now, what I see is we need to do something and that is why we are here, so hopefully, we find a solution and make a plan to try to do something. I want to say thank you for the opportunity to be here and thank you guys and God bless you. We continue to pray, and we don't want to see another accident right there. Like I said, we have 4 daughters, pretty soon they will be driving, and I don't want to see them driving in that curve, so hopefully something can be done. We appreciate it. Thank you.

Mike Leita – The Lord is with you. Anyone else wishing to make public comment on the Six-Year TIP. Seeing none, I will close the public hearing and ask that this be brought forward to a future agenda for adoption. I think the only comment this time is this is the right thing for Yakima County to do.

Rand Elliott – My condolences to the Mendoza family. I'm fairly confident this will move forward as quickly as we can.

Mike Leita – We are adjourned, thank you.

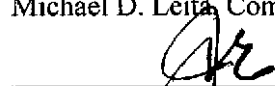
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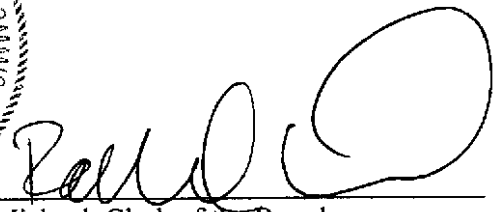
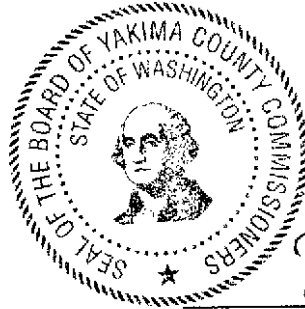
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