

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
PORT OF EPHRATA COMMISSIONERS  
June 21, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners for the Port District No. 9 of Grant County met in regular session on June 21, 2021 in the Port conference room. Commissioner Karen Moore called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Commissioners: Karen Moore and George Sisson. Staff: Mike Wren, Executive Director; Charla Bomstad, Financial Officer. Guest: David Hunt, Via Phone.

**MINUTES:** MOTION CARRIED unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 7, 2021 (M/S: George Sisson / Karen Moore).

**VOUCHERS:** The following Vouchers/Warrants were approved for payment.

Airport Fund: Payroll Warrant #18038 - 18043 Totaling \$9,886.63

Vouchers # 18044 - 18054 Totaling \$38,369.96

MOTION CARRIED unanimously to authorize payment of above Vouchers/Warrants (M/S George Sisson / Karen Moore).

**OLD BUSINESS:**

County Jail Proposal:

- a. County Commissioner Meeting Request: Due to vacations, the soonest the commissioners could meet with the County Commissioners would be the week of July 18<sup>th</sup>, preferably 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> near the lunch hour. Commissioner Sisson, Mike Wren and Greg Becken will attend this meeting. The Commissioners also want to ensure that the meeting meets established executive session criteria if that is the format The County is proposing.
- b. Port Communication Plan: The commissioners want to wait to do anything until after we hear back from the FAA with respect to whether this project would be considered a “residential use”. Once we receive approval, then Mike will make up flyers and go hang them on the doors of the neighboring home and businesses, talking to anyone available at that time. Commissioner Sisson wants it clarified that the jail would be a replacement for the current jail, not in addition to it. The commissioners also want to have at least two public meetings for comment. The first one will be July 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm and the second one at our regular commission meeting on August 16<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

2021 Budget Report: The budget is in really good shape and Mike went over a few points for clarification with respect to the Vehicle Maintenance, Director Search and Office budget categories that are showing a high spend rate.

AT&T Tower Ground Lease Assignment Request: AT&T has requested to assign their cell tower ground lease to Octagon Towers, LLC.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously to authorize the assignment of the AT&T tower ground lease to Octagon Towers, LLC (M/S George Sisson / Karen Moore).

**PUBLIC/TENANT INPUT:**

David Hunt: Thanked the commissioners for wanting to keep the public informed about the jail proposal.

**OPERATIONS and MAINTENANCE:**

Kurt is out on vacation and Gordy is taking vacation the last half of the week.

Reroof 731: We have the majority of this building’s new metal installed. Gable trim has to be installed along with the ridge cap. We paused this project to begin installing the new lighting fixtures in building #2.

Building #2: We are anticipating completion of the lighting fixture replacement this week. The ceiling fans are scheduled to arrive the 24<sup>th</sup> of June. We are waiting on an installation date.

Weed Control: We have been spraying noxious weeds when weather permits.

**FROM THE OFFICE:**

- a. Next Regular Meeting: July 6 (Tue). Mike invited the Columbia Basin Herald and the Grant County Journal to the meeting to meet Greg Becken as he takes over as the new Executive Director.

**COMMISSIONER INPUT: NONE**

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to conduct, Commissioner Karen Moore declared the meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

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Karen Moore, President

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George Sisson, Vice President

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Shelly Rivard Detrick, Secretary

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Michael G. Wren

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