

Peshastin Community Council
Special Meeting
February 3, 2020

via videoconference

Council members present: Chair, Lauri Malmquist; Stan Winters, Patricia Ortiz, Doug Clarke, Cheryl Parsley, Steve Keene

Council member absent, excused: Leticia Vizcaino

Guest: Chelan County Commissioner Bob Bugert

Chair Lauri Malmquist called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is informational only, to update the Council on the status of the Short Term Rental code currently under construction by the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Bugert began with a brief explanation of potential income to the county from the Economically Distressed Rural County fund, which comes from 0.09% of the state taxes. This translates to approximately \$1.8 to \$2 million per year throughout the state. Chelan County would like to focus on areas of the unincorporated County for its share of this tax money. The County will form a Cascade Public Infrastructure Fund, and then accept grant applications to this fund with the idea of assisting with public works projects. The grant applicant in this instance could be the Peshastin Community Council, or the Board of County Commissioners on behalf of the community of Peshastin. The BOCC hopes to establish this fund within about 3 months, and will need a Peshastin delegate. The idea at this time is to split the funds approximately 70/30 between unincorporated and incorporated areas of the county, while retaining some money to continue the fund.

Commissioner Bugert then explained the current status of the Short Term Rental draft code, which was not finalized at the end of December 2020 as hoped. A Task Force has been formed after reviewing approximately 40 applications, headed by Mike Nash who is a consultant and will be the moderator. The task force is charged with preparing a new draft code document to present to the BOCC. Further details of the task force and its instructions are available on the Community Development web site.

Once the task force has developed a recommendation for the BOCC and the Department of Community Development, which is expected some time in May 2021, there will be a public comment period. Commissioner Bugert recommends that the Peshastin Community Council at that time submit any comments they would like to be considered, preferably in a formal and detailed format, addressed to both the BOCC and to Jim Brown of Community Development.

Commissioner Bugert entertained questions regarding the process.

No motion was made and no action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ortiz, Secretary