

# KITTITAS COUNTY

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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### STUDY SESSION MINUTES February 12, 2007

**THOSE PRESENT:** Alan Crankovich, Mark McClain, Doug D'Hondt (DPW), Brandon Drexler (DPW), Kelly Carlson (DPW)

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Catherine Dunn

**BEN KERN TREES:**

Director Drexler stated that the County crew had trimmed an evergreen tree that sits on Mr. Kern's property but overhangs into our right of way causing a sight distance issue. Mr. Kern was very unhappy we had trimmed his tree and questioned what our right of way is on that road. Our survey crew researched the right of way and found that we had infringed on his private property in order to trim and remove the branches, but did not request permission from Mr. Kern to be on his property to trim the branches that were in our right of way. Mr. Kern thinks the trimming job looks horrible and would like the County to pay for and install a fence that would match the existing fence he already has along the road. Jim Van de Venter gathered a bid for materials only on approx. 50 Ft. of fencing and it came to about \$800.00. Commissioner McClain stated that unless the tree dies the County has no liability since there are no damages. Commissioner Crankovich stated that the County crew need to be sure they correspond with the landowner prior to doing this type of work. Commissioner McClain suggested drafting a departmental policy on this type of work.

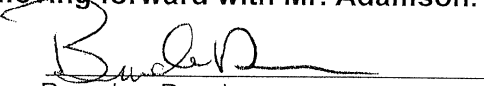
**Board Direction:** **BOCC directed Staff to get with the Prosecuting Atty office for a legal opinion on liability. If they see some liability then we can consider the materials only offer.**

**AIRPORT LEASE:**

Kelly Carlson (DPW) stated that she had received a letter from Nash Creek Aviation requesting to lease some airport property and have first rights of refusal on 2-4 other pieces. Kelly explained that she had met with Mr. Adamson and feels he would be an asset to the airport industrial area. He plans to run a helicopter repair and parts business.

**Board Direction:** **BOCC approved moving forward with Mr. Adamson.**

Meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

  
Brandon Drexler  
Public Works Director