

KITTITAS COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

STUDY SESSION MINUTES April 16, 2007

THOSE PRESENT: Alan Crankovich, David Bowen, Mark McClain, Brandon Drexler (DPW), Kelly Carlson (DPW)

GUESTS PRESENT: Catherine Dunn, Cathy Bambrick (PH), Jim Goeben (IS), Duke Senter (IS).

GIS SOFTWARE ISSUES: Duke Senter stated that they are in the process of trying to update the ESRI software the County runs on. They stated that they have established three options (attached) and they are targeting the option #2. Duke stated that working with WSU to get the price down is not an option since they are restricted by ESRI. Commissioner McClain stated that he would like to have more discussion on this prior to approving. He stated that he would give preliminary approval until he could speak with WSU.

Board Direction: **Approved the go-ahead for the Freeance software at this time.**

******PUBLIC HEALTH:******

TREAT SHORT PLAT: Cathy Bambrick stated that there was not a well log submitted to the Department of Ecology for a well on this plat. She stated that a well log is required in order for plat approval but not in code. She stated that they found the water is potable and available, and the RCW states that it is up to the county to make these decisions. Chris Cruse stated that he well driller never submitted a well log at the time of completion.

Board Direction: **Approve to move forward with the short plat process without a well log present since the information submitted will suffice for water availability.**

GRANT OPPORTUNITY: Cathy Bambrick stated that there is a \$5,000 grant available that would involve a consultant coming into the department to assess the work standards of the Public Health Department. She stated that this assessment would help address the audit findings that were present.

Board Direction: **BOCC approved applying for the grant.**

*******PUBLIC WORKS*******

SHOP FOREMAN:

Director Drexler stated that we have yet to hire a shop foreman. We did not find a candidate in the first round of applications so we are going to review the job description, modify, and go back out to advertisement. The modification to the job description will involve assigning more management responsibilities to the position.

Board Direction:

BOCC approved to go back out to Ad for Shop Foreman.

FAUST ROAD:

Director Drexler stated that there are still a few details to wrap up on the Faust Road project. He stated that the County still needs to vacate the north leg of the switchback then obliterate the existing pavement and install guardrail. The County will need to request right of way from Art Sinclair to complete the hammerhead turnaround at the end of the south leg. Commissioner Bowen stated that if Mr. Sinclair is not willing to sell the right of way we could look at different options.

Board Direction:

No Board Direction

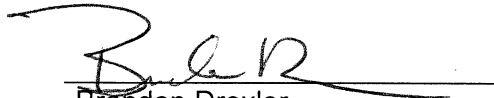
WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS:

Commissioner Crankovich asked how the enforcement of overweight vehicles on Fowler Creek and Pasco roads were going. Director Drexler stated that the Sherriff's deputies were having a difficult time of telling if the trucks were over weight or not. Bob Gubser stated that an email went out to the deputies to give citations to all loaded trucks on these roads.

Board Direction:

BOCC directed staff to keep on top of this.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.



Brandon Drexler
Public Works Director