



KITTITAS COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

STUDY SESSION MINUTES **October 22, 2007**

THOSE PRESENT:

Alan Crankovich, David Bowen, Darryl Piercy, Allison Kimball (CDS), Brandon Drexler, Jan Ollivier, Kelly Carlson, Maria Fischer (DPW), Cathy Bambrick, Sage Park (EH), Stephanie Happold, Greg Zempel, Neil Caulkins (PA)

GUESTS PRESENT:

Catherine Dunn, Noah Goodrich, Chad Bala, Pat Deneen

SKIP LEBO ISSUE RESPONSE:

Brandon Drexler (DPW) asked for direction on how to respond to the Skip Lebo letter. He has checked the contract. Commissioner Bowen suggested summarizing what the County has done to address Lebo's concerns, after talking with legal. The BOCC has taken no action.

Board Direction:

BOCC suggested a response to the letter as above.

AIRPORT STORAGE BUILDING
LEASE OPTION:

Brandon Drexler (DPW) stated that the County Road Crew has expressed an interest in using an airport storage building currently used by the County Maintenance Department. The building area needs to be cleaned up. Commissioner Bowen stated that this area has been used by default to store surplus items. Kelly Carlson (DPW) noted that this is an opportunity for the airport to gain some revenue. Short discussion followed on items stored there, including those tarped outside. Commissioner Crankovich noted that use by the Road Department would be better than use as a junk pile.

Board Direction:

BOCC will research more about what is currently stored on this site.

EASTON SNOWMOBILE ROUTE:

Jan Ollivier (DPW) noted that she was approached by an employee of the Easton State Park and Howard Briggs who represents snowmobilers. Brandon Drexler (DPW) stated that they are asking to extend the snowmobile route (he showed the Commissioners the proposed route on a map), using the County road shoulder. Several petitions from Easton area businesses and citizens were enclosed

with this request. Drexler noted that the only issue is some guy wires coming off a power pole. Drexler asked if there was a need for an ordinance or a process to be able to allow this use, and noted that any agreement would expire each year. Commissioner Bowen stated that the use of the County right-of-way will require a franchise agreement, and Neil Caulkins (PA) agreed.

Board Direction:

BOCC suggested researching procedure on how the Salmon la Sac Road is used as a snowmobile route, and obtaining a franchise agreement with the Easton State Park.

GRASSLANDS TRAFFIC STUDY:

Jan Ollivier (DPW) passed out a map and explained the results of a traffic study conducted in June and July of 2007. She noted that residents are concerned with increased traffic and speeds, and have asked for three new stop signs. The traffic study found that speeds aren't too bad. Both Commissioner Bowen and Brandon Drexler (DPW) felt that the Quartz Mountain and Lookout Mountain intersections appeared to be within tolerance and did not warrant three way stop signs. Brandon Drexler (DPW) asked for direction on how to move this issue forward; if public hearings should be held on proposed new stop signs, and noting that things may improve after construction in the area slows down. Cathy Bambrick (EH) commented, as she lives in this area. Commissioner Crankovich suggested setting up a radar trailer on Matthews Road, or any one of the problem spots. Jan Ollivier (DPW) stated that she is concerned with the request for stop signs on Quartz Mtn. and Lookout Mtn. as she is not sure these are really necessary.

Board Direction:

BOCC suggested monitoring Matthews Road, placing a radar trailer at some of the trouble spots, and waiting until construction is over to see if things improve.

LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION

PLAN:

Jan Ollivier (DPW) presented a draft Long Range Transportation Plan, including a schedule. Today is the review of the first draft of this plan. She will follow the same procedures used in updating the County Comprehensive Plan, providing copies to the public and to other agencies. Ollivier asked for feedback. Pat Deneen

asked if the plan is a public document now. Ollivier stated that the Plan is public but will not be posted until she is sure she is headed in the right direction.

Board Direction:

BOCC will try to have comments this week. Carry over to the next Study Session Agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50p.m.



Brandon Drexler
Public Works Director