

# KITTITAS COUNTY

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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### STUDY SESSION MINUTES May 9, 2011

**THOSE PRESENT:**

Alan Crankovich, Paul Jewell, Obie O'Brien (BOCC), Kirk Holmes, Kelly Carlson, Kathy Jurgens, Maria Fischer (DPW)

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

David Miller, Catherine Clerf

**DISTRESSED SALES & USE  
TAX:**

Kelly Carlson stated that she spoke with Paul about the amounts available for the 2012 funding cycle, and they are down. There was discussion about not going out for projects for a year to build up reserves. Paul had requested that the Cities be contacted about any emergency projects they may have, and Kelly stated that Ellensburg agreed to take a year off, while Cle Elum has no projects and Kittitas did not respond. Kathy explained the amounts in the fund and in the reserve fund. Kathy explained that all funded projects are going, with the 2010 projects being the oldest outstanding. Discussion followed. An EDBA Project that fell through will return \$105,000 to the fund, and there is currently \$250,000 in the fund for new projects.

**Board Direction:**

**Add the \$105,000 to the \$250,000 for a total of \$355,000 and go ahead with a call for projects with that amount of funding.**

**AIRFIELD NEEDS  
ANALYSIS/ ALP UPDATE:**

Kelly introduced David Miller of Century West who has been working on the Airfield Needs Assessment project, and handed out an overview sheet. Miller gave some background on Bowers Field and explained that the project is updating a 2004 Airport Master Plan assessment of airport facility needs. He explained FAA funding that Kittitas County is eligible for, including the amount of \$150,000 per year for the airport, and these funds can be rolled back for 4 years. WSDOT Funds are also available. Kelly noted that the FAA funds can be used only on the primary runway. Miller reported that based aircraft numbers drive the facility needs, but Bowers is not a controlled airport and no account is kept of take-offs and

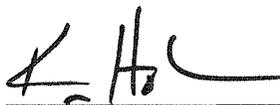
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landings. The types of aircraft using, and able to use, Bowers Field were explained by Miller, and he noted that Runway 725 is close to failing. This runway is closed for several months in the winter, additionally limiting the type of aircraft that can land at Bowers Field. Future facility needs will exceed currently available funding, making prioritizing the development needs very important. The Airport Needs Assessment project final documents and plans are scheduled for completion in September, 2011, and then go to the FAA for their approval.

**Board Direction:**

**Century West and Airport Manager to go to Airport Advisory Committee to create preferred alternatives for the direction of the Airport. Bring those alternatives back to the BOCC for their recommendation.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.



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Kirk Holmes  
Public Works Director