

# KITTITAS COUNTY

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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### STUDY SESSION MINUTES August 22, 2011

#### THOSE PRESENT:

Alan Crankovich, Obie O'Brien, Paul Jewell (BOCC), Kirk Holmes, Kelly Carlson, Doug D'Hondt, Maria Fischer, (DPW), Dan Valoff, Mandy Weed (CDS), Neil Caulkins (PA), Brenda Larsen (Fire M) James Rivard (PH) Lisa Iammarino (Code Enf), Patti Johnson (Solid Waste) Matt Anderson (Maint)

#### GUESTS PRESENT:

Chad Bala, Catherine Clerf, Wayne Nelson, Brian Lenz, Ron Cridlebaugh, Mark Teske, JJ Collins, Bob Hanson

Paul asked about 2 CDS items that he had expected to be on this agenda: Cannabis Gardens and Moving Forward with Compliance on the Comprehensive Plan. Kirk stated that PW is meeting with the State Dept. of Commerce tomorrow to talk about the compliance issue, and felt it was better to hold that meeting first, before bringing the issue to agenda. He had not heard that Cannabis Gardens was to be on the agenda.

#### AIRPORT MARKETING COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Ron Cridlebaugh gave an update on the activities of the Airport Marketing Committee: where they currently are in the process and the direction in which they are headed. There are more than 300 acres of Airport property which the Marketing Committee is studying. They hope to have a full presentation to the BOCC by the end of September. The committee will recommend that the County sell the Airport property and use the proceeds as restricted funds for the Airport. It is a 2 year process to have the Federal government release the property so that it can be sold. Ron explained proposed development covenants for the property. J.J. listed the Committee members in response to a Board question. Kelly stated that the Committee wants to know if this is the direction the Board would like the Committee to move. They would have to meet with the FAA first to find out if they would be receptive to the idea. Ron added that the Committee is fairly unanimous in this decision. Further discussion followed.

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**Board Direction:** The Board has no concerns with the direction in which the Committee is headed, and looks forward to a full report at the end of September.

**RR CROSSING REPLACEMENT  
AT STONE & RINGER LP  
ROADS:**

Doug reported coordinating with BNFS Railroad to replace three RR crossings. The County just has to patch the roads at the crossings, and it is a good deal for the County. Doug asked that the Railroad also look at the crossing on Thorp Highway, which is very bad. Discussion followed.

**Board Direction:** No direction.

**REQUEST CHAIR SIGNATURE  
ON AN AGREEMENT FOR TRANSFER  
OF ENTITLEMENT FUNDS- FAA:**

Kelly explained that every year the County receives \$150,000 from the FAA, and this year there is \$25,000 remaining that we cannot use. The Othello Airport could use the funds, and transferring the money to Othello would keep it from going back into the National fund. This is done quite often; we have done it before and normally we would receive the funds back. We have benefited from these transfers in the past and cooperation will look good.

**Board Direction:** Signature on the transfer of funds approved.

**REPORT ON FLOODPLAIN  
MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES;  
TRANSPORTATION RESTORATION  
& PUBLIC MEETINGS:**

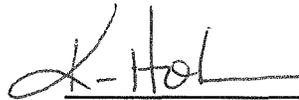
Kirk reported that PW is still recovering from the January, 2009 flooding, not to mention the May, 2011 events. Phase 3 of the Cooke Canyon Road Bridge project is underway with the placement of the permanent bridge starting this week. County forces will do the finish work, filling in road shoulders, gouges and cuts. Complete restoration of that site should happen by 9/15/2011. The neighborhood is interested in continuing to meet with County officials. Bed load storage was discussed. Kirk reported that survey crews are out on Hanson & Umptanum Roads and the County is moving forward with design work there. The hope is to have Hanson and Cove Roads restored prior to November 1, 2011. Manastash Road will probably not be repaired this year, although the County will try and secure the road for winter. Kirk is meeting out there with the school district transportation people this Thursday. Discussion followed on opening Manastash Road to the public, with hunting season approaching. Kirk noted that

the USFS will not be able to repair the FS road, and we don't want to increase our liability by increasing our risk and exposure opening this road prior to repairs. Kirk stated that a meeting will be held at the Lazy F Ranch on August 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss flood issues with residents. A September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting will be held at the Damman School at which Dr. Arango will speak about Manastash Creek and stream behavior. The Flood Control Zone District Citizens' Advisory Committee is working and the next meeting will be September 9<sup>th</sup>. They are now discussing budgets for a 7 year work plan. By the end of October this committee may have some recommendations on moving forward. Kirk noted that the Conservation District has been involved in over \$8 million in work on Manastash Creek over time, although there is no over-all plan for the creek. The District will help Kirk look for funds for creek analysis work.

**Board Direction:**

**Prepare a detailed report for the local paper on Manastash Road; describe the restrictions and the process the County has to go through to obtain repair funds.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m.**



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Kirk Holmes  
Public Works Director