

KITTITAS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

STUDY SESSION MINUTES December 31, 2007

THOSE PRESENT:

Alan Crankovich, David Bowen, Allison Kimball, Darryl Piercy, Scott Turnbull (CDS), Brandon Drexler, Maria Fischer (DPW) Debbie Myers (BOCC).

GUESTS PRESENT:

Traci Shallbetter, Dave Blanchard

After a short continued Public Hearing on Comprehensive Plan Amendments, and a 15 minute Executive Session for CDS prior to which the guests exited, the Study Session commenced at 1:50pm.

**Nelson Siding Road
Project Consultant Contract:**

Director Drexler explained that the consultant for the Nelson Siding Road Project, BWR, has just announced the closing of their Washington State office. The County has a \$380,000 contract with BWR for the Nelson Siding Project, and now they want out of this contract. Mike Pawlak, who has been with BWR for years, could act as a sub to BWR. The County can hold BWR to the contract; work with Pawlak; or move on to one of the other top two consultants. The County has only paid BWR \$11,000 so far, and have done most of the surveying ourselves. Director Drexler suggests the last option, depending on which consultant has the time and the staff to commit to this project.

Board Direction:

Check with Legal, and contact the other top two consultants to see which one can get on this project the fastest.

Pfenning Road Project:

Director Drexler explained that this project is a joint one with the City of Ellensburg, and that for safety reasons it would be easiest to close a portion of Pfenning Road for the construction period. There are adequate detours available.

Board Direction:

With adequate public notice, close the road for construction.

WSACE Conference:

Director Drexler explained that the WSACE Conference in January will cost each attendant over \$1000 and thus requires BOCC signature.

Board Direction:

Present the forms for approval and signature for all attendants.

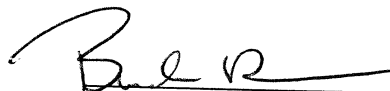
**Upper County Heavy Snowfall
And Equipment Breakdowns:**

Director Drexler noted that even with the snowfall in the Upper County pushing the 1996 levels, he has not received a lot of complaints. He explained the problem caused by local traffic traveling snow-covered roads before the County can plow those roads. He noted that one grader has broken down, and he is also receiving more applications for the open Shop Foreman position.

Board Direction:

Rent a grader if necessary.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05pm.



Brandon Drexler
Public Works Director