



KITTITAS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

STUDY SESSION MINUTES July 27, 2009

THOSE PRESENT:

Alan Crankovich, Mark McClain, Paul Jewell (BOCC), Kirk Holmes, Jan Ollivier, Doug D'Hondt, Maria Fischer (DPW) Dan Valoff (CDS) Cathy Bambrick, James Rivard (PH) Brent Bottoms (PROS)

GUESTS PRESENT:

Amanda Sullivan, James I. Mahugh, Rick Gifford, Kerry Grant (WSDOT)

BOWERS ROAD SURPLUS PROPERTY:

Kirk Holmes explained that he is bringing this back to the Board for discussion so the Board can decide if they wish to surplus this property. Discussion followed on exactly where the property is, and what was on the property historically.

Board Direction:

Table the matter for two weeks and come back with a map and previous uses of the property.

PSE TOURISM SIGN FOR WIND FARM:

Jan Ollivier explained that Puget Sound Energy wishes to place signs in the county right of way for the Wild Horse Visitor Center. PSE would take care of the maintenance and they will use a county right-of-way use permit.

Board Direction:

Go ahead with the right of way use permit for the signage.

YAKIMA COUNTY INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT:

Kirk explained this agreement is the same as last year – for mutual equipment uses with Yakima County. Full Board action will occur at the August 4 agenda session. The prosecutors have reviewed it.

Board Direction:

Approved for signature.

COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT:

Kirk stated that he has been working on a feasibility study for this and requested he be allowed to form a working

group. He would like to engage stakeholders county-wide and bring back a report to the Board. This would be helpful to the project.

Board Direction:

Agreed to form a Stakeholders Group for a feasibility study for a county-wide flood control zone district.

**NELSON SIDING ROAD/I-90
CONCURRENT PROJECTS:**

WSDOT Kerry Grant stated that WSDOT is replacing the concrete on I-90 in the west bound lane this year, at the same time the county will be performing the Nelson Siding Road project. They will be replacing concrete in the east bound lanes next year. I-90 traffic will be backed up significantly. If the county closes Nelson Siding Road they should expect a lot of phone calls. Commissioner McClain pointed out that County Engineer D'Hondt had spoken with WSDOT about switching their projects around. Grant noted that the DOT project is using stimulus money and is already under contract. D'Hondt explained the county project. Director Holmes stated that if WSDOT is willing to pay inflationary costs to the County, then the County would hold off a year. Sullivan stated that DOT has been blanketing the I-90 corridor with public information about their project. D'Hondt and Crankovich stated concerns with keeping the big trucks off county roads.

Board Direction:

Send notice to the WSDOT that the County will hold off on its project for a year if the WSDOT agrees to pay the County inflationary costs. Place additional signage on county roads that close those roads to heavy truck traffic.

Executive Session:

At 2:10 pm Brent Bottoms announced that the meeting would go into executive session for approximately 15 minutes to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency, with no action anticipated to be taken afterwards, per RCW 42.30.110 (i).

At 2:52 pm the Board of County Commissioners came out of Executive Session and reconvened back into the regular session.

Meeting adjourned at 2:52 pm



Kirk Holmes
Public Works Director