

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS AUDITORIUM
SPECIAL MEETING**

THURSDAY

1:30 P.M.

AUGUST 4, 2011

Board members present: Chairman Paul Jewell, Vice-Chairman Alan Crankovich and Commissioner O'Brien.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Kelly Carlson, Airport Manager/Administrative Assistant; Kirk Holmes, Public Works/Interim Community Development Services Director; Clay Myers, Undersheriff; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor; Maria Canfield, Public Health Administrator; Reno Allphin, Solid Waste; Jim Van de Venter, Maintenance Manager and Dave Drummond, Location Manager (via phone).

SPECIAL MEETING

MOVIE EDEN

COMMISSIONERS

At 1:30 p.m. Chairman Jewell opened a Special Meeting to consider a request from Dave Drummond, Location Manager to film scenes for the movie "Eden" on the Vantage Highway.

Mr. Drummond summarized the movie "Eden" and said although the movie's setting takes place in Nevada, they are doing the filming throughout Washington State. He said they have been in discussions with Midstate Aviation to film at the airport, where they will be filming a scene at the County airport on August 6th. They are also filming scenes on Sage Hills Drive, a ranch off of Park Creek Road and were hoping to use a portion of the County road as well. He said they would like to use approximately 2.4 miles on the Vantage Highway beginning at Sage Hills Drive on August 16th from 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., with intermittent holds for traffic lasting between 2-3 minutes each. He indicated when they film driving scenes they will be using a suburban and a police cruiser and go approximately 20-25 mph. The crew will be meeting with the Sheriff's department first thing in the morning to look at the route before they begin filming. Jim Van de Venter, Maintenance Manager questioned the traffic signage (Be Prepared to Stop, etc.). Mr. Drummond said they can bring their own signs and place them as appropriate. Most of their work will be done on Sage Hills Drive and that is where their equipment and crew will be staged. The Fire Marshal had sent an email stating that they needed to submit an application and fee to obtain a permit from her office. Mr. Drummond said they will be serving food for their own crew and they would have bathrooms on site as well. Reno Allphin, Solid Waste Specialist, said he would talk to Mr. Drummond to make sure they have a garbage and recycling plan. Kelly Carlson, Airport

Manager/Administrative Assistant said Midstate Aviation is charging their own fee and there would be full time staff on site during the filming. Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor said the insurance looked adequate and had no concerns. Undersheriff Myers offered to assist with the Public Service Announcements for those traveling on the Vantage Highway, letting them know of intermittent closures on August 16th. He said they should be somewhat generic in their announcements to the radio and newspaper, to try and not draw attention to the area which could result in additional issues. Mr. Drummond offered to work with the media after the filming has concluded to help promote the community and airport.

The Board indicated they had no concerns and they came to a consensus to allow the filming of the movie "Eden" as requested.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Julie Kjorsvik


Paul Jewell, Chairman