

**KITTITAS COUNTY**  
**Board of County Commissioners**

**AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

**AGENDA DATE:** June 3, 2014

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Deny Claim for Lyle & Teresa Bailey (#201404020013)

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**BACKGROUND:** The claimants, Lyle & Teresa Bailey, state in their claim that on March 14, 2014 their 2003 Dodge Club Cab vehicle was struck by a gate on the Kittitas County fairgrounds due to high gusts of wind causing significant damage to the vehicle.

**INTERACTION:** Claimant filed a claim for damages with the County, alleging \$3,570.00 in damages to their vehicle. The claim included a repair estimate from City West Auto Body in Airway Heights, WA.

The Prosecutors office requested additional information from Fairgrounds/Event Center staff, which was received. Staff recommended submission of the claim for adjustment. Jim C. Rocha of Crawford & Company performed an investigation of the matter, and recommended denial of the claim.

The Prosecutors office concurs with the recommendation for denial of this claim, on the basis that the proximate cause of the damage to the vehicle was the verified strong winds on the day in question and not a result of action by County personnel.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Deny paying the claim as requested.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Claim of Lyle & Teresa Bailey  
Crawford & Company Investigation Report

**LEAD STAFF:** Michael P. Nigrey, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney