# KITTITAS COUNTY
# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

**STUDY SESSION MINUTES**
**April 4, 2011**

**THOSE PRESENT:** Alan Crankovich, Paul Jewell, Obie O'Brien (BOCC), Kirk Holmes, Kelly Carlson, Doug D'Hondt, Jan Ollivier, Maria Fischer (DPW), Dan Valoff, (CDS), Jerry Pettit, Sue Higginbotham (AUD), Marsha Weyand (ASSESS), Deanna Panattoni, Megan Acree (TREAS), Brenda Larsen (FM)

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Wayne Nelson, Paul Eisenberg, Gary Kittleson, Catherine Clerf, Mark Teske, Steve Lathrop, Dave Whitwill, Mary Scott

***TRAFFIC ANALYSIS RESULTS OF VANTAGE HWY. /PFENNING RD. INTERSECTION STUDY:***

Jan passed out the Engineer's report on the special traffic study done at the Vantage Highway and Pfenning Road intersection per the Commissioner's' request. Jan stated that the County will need to keep a close eye on this intersection. Vantage Highway is getting high speeds, as is Pfenning Road. Traffic volumes on Vantage Hwy.are running around 6300 ADT, and Pfenning Rd. volumes are running around 2500 on the south side of the intersection. Four alternatives for improvements would be a four-way stop, additional lanes, a roundabout, or a traffic signal. The BOCC questioned Jan about the possibility of a new middle school in that area and its impacts to traffic. Jan stated that the traffic volumes are at a level where something should be done, and this intersection will be placed in the County traffic plans. At a future study session Jan will present how the traffic study figures line up with MUTCD warrants. Discussion followed. The need to be pro-active on this issue was mentioned.

**Board Direction:** **Bring back to agenda session for further discussion.**

***SUNCADIA UPDATE:***

Steve Lathrop spoke for Suncadia, stating that he cannot give a firm date for the completion of Suncadia's financial recapitalization. Suncadia's chief financial officer, Gary Kittleson, stated that the payment of the delinquent property taxes is at the top of the list of bills to be paid when the recapitalization occurs. Paul Eisenberg and Lathrop reported on the activity levels at the resort. Paul

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also spoke about the water mitigation program. The BOCC mentioned that their greatest concern is with the delinquent property taxes, and Alan added that he feels any Suncadia success is on the backs of the taxpayers of the County at this time. Alan asked Paul Eisenberg if any bank has taken control of any portion of Suncadia. Eisenberg responded in the negative.

**Board Direction:** **No Direction.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 2:09 p.m.**

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