# KITTITAS COUNTY
# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

**STUDY SESSION MINUTES**
**April 11, 2011**

**THOSE PRESENT:** Alan Crankovich, Paul Jewell, Obie O'Brien (BOCC), Kirk Holmes, Christina Wollman, Jan Ollivier, Maria Fischer (DPW), Patti Johnson (SW), Dan Valoff, Mandy Weed (CDS), Megan Acree (TREAS)

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Catherine Clerf, Mark Teske

**AGENDA CHANGES:** Jan asked to add to the agenda further discussion on the traffic analysis for the Vantage Highway/Pfenning Road intersection.

***NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM-APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE:***

Kirk played a Power Point presentation explaining the National Flood Insurance program and the Community Rating System (CRS), and the impact this system has on flood insurance rates. He would like to submit an application for assistance to the CRS for a visit from this agency which would establish the possibility of lowering flood insurance rates. The process is free, and the county would be rewarded with points for our current activities. The points contribute to the lowering of flood insurance rates. The BOCC Chair would appoint a CRS Coordinator for the County. Kirk also reported that Christina Wollman recently became a Certified Flood Plain Manager. Christina noted that it has been proven that communities participating in the CRS program show a decrease in flood damage.

**Board Direction:** **Proceed with the application to CRS.**

***KIWANIS PARK AT NANEUM-PROPOSAL FOR IMPROVEMENTS:***

Kirk reported that a local group called "Generations" would like to make some improvements to the Naneum Pond fishing area in conjunction with the Kiwanis Club. Some of the proposed improvements include better access to the parking area, upgrading the picnic tables and treating the pond for milfoil. Alan clarified that the county has no

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maintenance responsibilities for any parks. Discussion followed on the need for a contract for services with the group performing the work.

**Board Direction:** **Move forward with a contract for services, involving legal in the process.**

***FEMA DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR JANUARY 11 EVENT:***

Kirk reported that FEMA is in town looking at the damages from January 11th. The County suffered about $300,000 worth of damage to roads and bridges and hopes to recover 75% of that from FEMA. There will be no State funds available.

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

***VANTAGE HIGHWAY & PFENNING ROAD INTERSECTION TRAFFIC STUDY UPDATE:***

Jan passed out the Engineer's Report on this traffic study, and explained that the analysis of the results of the monitoring shows that the intersection does not warrant a traffic control device at this time. This intersection will continue to be monitored as conditions are approaching a warrant for a traffic signal. Discussion followed on searching for grant funds to use to widen Pfenning Road at the intersection and install turn lanes. Radar trailer set-up was also discussed. Speaking with the Sheriff's office about periodic enforcement actions was suggested.

**Board Direction:** **Ask Sheriff's Office to do periodic enforcement at the intersection and look into the State Safety Program for funding for widening Pfenning Road on the north and south sides of the intersection.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.**

Kirk Holmes
Public Works Director