

Kittitas County Prosecutor

Agenda Staff Report

AGENDA DATE:

3/20/2012

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve claim for damages by the Vaughans.

BACKGROUND:

One of our snowplow operators backed into the Vaughan's vehicle which was stopped behind him. Damage resulted to the front end of the Vaughan's vehicle.

INTERACTION:

The Sheriff's office took pictures and filed a report. The Vaughans filed a claim against the County. The Risk Pool, who is automatically notified of all claims, pursuant to their policy of getting adjusters to work up claims over about \$1,500 put an adjuster on this. His estimate is that the damage can be repaired for \$3,412.73. The Risk Pool requires that it issue the payments and that any supplemental work/payment go through their adjuster.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the claim. The County's employee was at fault in not noticing that there was a vehicle behind him when he commenced to back up. The County should pay for the damage to the Vaughan's vehicle.

HANDLING:

Send letter approving the claim to the Vaughans requiring a release of claim. Once we receive the release of claim, authorize the Risk Pool to make payments.

LEAD STAFF:

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