

# Kittitas County Prosecutor

## Agenda Staff Report

**AGENDA DATE:**

8/21/2012

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Deny claim for damages by Mitch Williams

**BACKGROUND:**

Mr. Williams claimed the County overcharged him for various permits. His claim was based upon an auditor's report showing a discrepancy between CDS's operating budget and the fees it took in for building permits. Most of the permits claimed were not building permits (they were permits for access of a propane tank) and hence the audit findings are not relevant. Those permits that are building permits, the County contends it actually did cost that much to process and no evidence shows otherwise on those specific applications. Said another way, a general finding that X was taken in and some amount less than X was spent on a series of tasks does not prove that on any or all specific tasks, each was overcharged, much less prove a total overcharge in a specific amount.

**INTERACTION:**

The Auditor's Office sent the claim to the Prosecutor's Office which discussed the matter with both the Public Works Director and the Auditor's Office.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Deny claim for damages by Mitch Williams

**HANDLING:**

none

**LEAD STAFF:**

Neil Caulkins