

# Kittitas County Commissioners

## Agenda Staff Report

**AGENDA DATE:**

8/20/2013

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approval of my signature upon PA review and signature, if not complete at agenda time. There is PA review pending but may not be complete by Tuesday. If not, I will be asking for approval to sign the agreement upon review and signature of PA. The services to be used involve pending litigation with a court date set.

**BACKGROUND:**

This agreement is necessary to defend commercial assessed values on three parcels currently being litigated. The plaintiff has supplied an appraisal prepared by a Member of the Appraisal Institute (MAI) appraiser, which is the highest achievement that is available to an appraiser. That credential is not required for Assessor's Office appraisers. For that reason, and pursuant to legal advice, we are seeking to consult with an outside appraisal firm, in which reside MAI appraisers. They will review and report on the appraisal supplied by the plaintiff. They will also supply litigation support if needed.

**INTERACTION:**

This agreement is currently in review status by the PA's office.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommend to approve of Assessor's signature. If PA review and signature are not complete at time of agenda, approve Assessor to sign upon PA review and signature. Draft is attached.

**HANDLING:**

Return original (if signed prior to agenda) to Assessor.

**LEAD STAFF:**

Marsha Weyand