KITTITAS COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Paul D. Bennett, P.E., Director

STUDY SESSION MINUTES
May 19, 2003

THOSE PRESENT: Max Golladay, Bruce Coe, Bob Johnson, Paul Bennett, Kelly Carlson

JOHN WAYNE TRAIL: Paul presented the BOCC with a final draft of the Charter Agreement. He informed the BOCC that this is a “feel good” agreement. The County is only agreeing cooperation on this project. The County’s portion of this project will be R/W only. Bruce was concerned about the County getting hit up for funding for this project. Max suggested putting this on the May 27th study session to discuss further with all three board members present and invite members from the JWT commission. They also suggested that Paul would be a likely candidate to represent the County’s interest in this project.

BOEING 7ET: Paul stated that Boeing is in the process of a site selection for the construction of the 7ET, and asked the BOCC if they would approve Paul putting in an application for this site selection. Paul said that we probably wouldn’t get chosen, but it may open up the door for something else. To prepare for this application, Paul is going to contact Phoenix Dev. & CTED to assist.

BID PROTEST: Max asked Paul what direction he suggested we head with this protest. Paul went over the basis of his decision to award to Western Power. He also submitted the letter that Jim Hurson had submitted to Geff’s in response to their protest letter. BOCC approved moving ahead with the award and face a possible lawsuit from Geff’s.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Paul wanted to confirm with the BOCC that he was performing his duties as “Airport Manager” and “Public Works Director” as directed by the BOCC. He stated that he had gotten a call from Senator Cantwell’s office and is part of an investigation. BOCC stated that Paul is doing what they have directed him to do.

FLOOD GRANT: Bob Johnson was present to explain the Emergency Notification System. He stated that it had been tested and it was successful. This system would be notification in case of emergencies such as floods, storms, etc. It would hit the radio’s, and 95.3 KKLE is the main radio station. It also could hit the TV through Charter, and it would be in the form of a banner across the screen. Public Works will present this system to the BOCC on May 28th.

Adjourned at 3:00

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