Public Health Codes in Kittitas County
The director expressed a desire to see public health codes developed in Kittitas County and asked for an explanation of the process involved to do this work. Commissioner Huston explained what the process for creating codes for public health separate from the county codes would involve, the process it would take, and the extensive time commitment of the Board of Health. He further noted that adoption by the BOCC of the state codes, by reference, is not only the simplest way to address this need, it is also the most appropriate since the BOCC is the only body that can adopt a code. When queried about the Solid Waste Regulations adopted by the Board of Health, Commissioner Huston explained that because those regulations cross the jurisdictional boundary of the county, the Board of Health had to adopt the code because the BOH can cross those boundaries.

The EH Director explained that there were some codes currently on the books that need to be repealed and replaced. Commissioner Huston explained the process for making that happen. It was agreed that the Director and EH Director would consult with the prosecutor and begin a process to get pertinent codes up-to-date.

Plat Approval Question
The discussion above clarified that the BOCC question on the short plat letter currently being utilized was a issue for the BOCC, not the Board of Health. It was further clarified that until the BOCC gives approval to include that letter in the subdivision code, it would not be used by EH staff in the preliminary approval process. There will be discussion of this issue at the CDS Study Session, April 4, 2:30.

Environmental Health staff workload
Deferred to the May Study Session

Biosolids Issue
The EH Director informed the BOCC of a current Department of Ecology plan to develop over 4000 acres in Kittitas County as a biosolid site. He indicated that March 31 (today) was the deadline for public comment. There was discussion and Commissioner Huston asked the EH Director to prepare a letter expressing the concerns of Kittitas County to the proposal. He also asked the EH Director to have Mike Neer map the sites. The EH Director will follow-up with these requests and meet the deadline for public comments.

JPO update
The EH Director indicated that he and the administrator will be bringing a recommendation to the Board of Health to change our agreement with the Department of
Health on the Joint Plan of Operation for approving Group B water systems. The recommendation will be to relinquish KCPHD from the review and approval process on Group B systems and turning that responsibility over to the regional DOH office. This procedure will remove liability for Group B systems from KCPHD and from Kittitas County.

Additional vehicle
The Director shared that there was an opportunity to purchase another vehicle for the Morris Sorenson staff and requested permission to do so. She indicated there were fund in the PH Capital Equipment budget to cover this cost. The BOCC approved. The Director inquired about offering two EH vehicles for sale to other county offices. Approval was given.

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