



KITITAS COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

STUDY SESSION MINUTES

August 8, 2011

THOSE PRESENT:

Alan Crankovich, Obie O'Brien, Paul Jewell (BOCC), Kirk Holmes, Jan Ollivier, Maria Fischer, Jeff Watson (DPW), Dan Valoff, Mandy Weed (CDS), Neil Caulkins (PA), Gene Dana, Clay Myers, (SHERIFF)

GUESTS PRESENT:

Chad Bala, Catherine Clerf

SPEED STUDY DISCUSSION:

Jan reported back to the BOCC on their request that PW perform a speed study on Reecer Creek Road from University Way to Dry Creek Road. Jan included in her report additional speed studies that PW has done. The Engineer's report in the handout materials includes the RCW for speed changes on County Roads: a County can set speeds as low as 20 mph and as high as 60 mph. A major factor in setting speeds is the speed that the 85th percentile is going. Handouts also include a chart detailing the speed studies that have been received in the last few years, and on all requests the 85th percentile is close to 50 mph. Jan noted that Reecer Creek Road is more urban in nature, and she recommends that the BOCC set a public hearing for the speed on that road. Discussion followed on speed bumps and other speed-lowering devices such as a radar trailer. Gene noted that the Sheriff's Office has a radar trailer and uses it when complaints are received. Fred added that the Sheriff's Office stepped up enforcement at the Pfenning and Vantage intersection per the request from PW, slowing things down. The Sheriff's Office supports the request for a public hearing for Reecer Creek Road speeds. Discussion followed.

Board Direction:

Move forward and place the setting of a public hearing on the next study session agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

APPROVED
8/16/2011

Kirk Holmes
Public Works Director