THOSE PRESENT:
Alan Crankovich, Obie O'Brien, Paul Jewell, Kirk Holmes, Mike Zabransky, Christina Wollman, Candie Leader (DPW), Doc Hansen, Mandy Weed (CDS), Neil Caulkins

GUESTS PRESENT:
Anna Lael, Lindsey Ozbolt, Mark Teske, Del Knudson

GENERAL PROJECT UPDATE:
Mike presented updates on the following projects:

Hanson Road – the Pre-Construction meeting was held last week and currently staff is working on the submittals. Start date is set for October 15, 2012 and the contract was awarded to Granite Construction. The contract is for 25 working days.

Airport Gates – A contract was executed for new controllers for the gates at Bowers Field. They have been installed and seem to be functioning fine.

Permits – Mike and Kirk had a follow up meeting with Mike Moeur regarding the Hanson Pit project. There will be some Corp of Engineers and Department of Ecology follow ups.

Cove Road – The work on the berm will commence in the next week with county forces performing the work to be completed.

Glover Road Bridge – The department received a HPA permit for the bridge work. It now has new load ratings and the asphalt paving on the approaches was completed.

Liberty Road – Work will begin on this project this week.

Lambert Road – Work should begin today on this project.

Cooke Canyon Road Bridge – This project is in the close out phase.
Commissioner Jewell inquired about the Hart Road project. Mike replied that with the Level 4 that was set by the DNR this project did slow some. Kirk added that the seeding has been completed.

Board Direction: No Direction

TAYLOR BRIDGE TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP:

Anna Lael updated the Board on the TAG for the Taylor Bridge Fire. The group is moving forward with site assessments and performing some test runs with the forms since there are a lot of steps to the process. She is continuing to work on a budget and the amount that is available has changed so the actual amount is up in the air at this time. The onset of other fires in the area is causing issues for the funding source. Around 230 letters were sent out to landowners regarding erosion help and issues with private property. To date they have received about 60 letters back. Commissioner Jewell asked what type of support can the BOCC offer on this project and Anna’s reply was to support the agreement on her end. Kirk added that during some site assessments it’s become apparent that noxious weeds will be causing some issues as well. Commissioner Jewell asked if the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife and the Dept. of Ecology have been involved in the group. Anna answered that they were invited but have not been involved. Commissioner Jewell recommended that the group extend the invitation again and make sure they are involved for the duration. Anna mentioned that there will be a workshop at the Unionville Ranch on Emerick Road addressing “After the Burn”.

Board Direction: No Direction.

PUBLIC WORKS FLOOD EXERCISE REPORT:

Christina reported on the Public Works’ Flood Exercise that was held on October 4, 2012 at the Kittitas County Event Center. The office staff and road crews participated and were broken down into 5 different tables – each with their own function. Rich Elliott gave an overview on emergencies and the functions of each group.

The group was given a scenario and then injects were added for discussion. At the conclusion the department gained a better understanding of how emergencies are
handled and why the different sections of the department make decisions and need certain information to track financials and equipment.

Christina ended with a reminder that the next event will be held on November 15, 2012 with other agencies. The Board of County Commissioner’s let Christina know that they will be unable to attend the event and that other agencies have training and conferences scheduled during that time period. Kirk added that it is important for the Board to attend so they will look at different dates.

Kirk Holmes
Public Works Director