



# KITTITAS COUNTY

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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### STUDY SESSION MINUTES

June 24, 2013

**THOSE PRESENT:**

Obie O'Brien, Gary Berndt (BOCC), Kirk Holmes, Kelly Bacon, Maria Fischer, (DPW), Deanna Panattoni (Treas), Mandy Weed, Lindsey Ozbolt (CDS), Neil Caulkins (Pros).

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Mark Teske, Steve Lathrop, Ann Watanabe

**TAX TITLE PROPERTIES:**

Kirk Holmes stated that since Kittitas County has acquired quite a few tax title properties, some within developments, they need to be cataloged. We need to decide how to manage these properties, and what our legal requirements are regarding these properties. Kirk used for an example a parcel in Currier Creek that is marked on the plat as a storm water retention site and has come to the County through the tax title process. Deanna gave a rundown on how she would go about selling these properties. Discussion followed as Kirk has a request from an adjacent landowner to purchase this particular parcel. Discussion followed on Home Owner Association (HOA) functions. Discussion followed on the County having to maintain these parcels by mowing and spraying weeds, etc.

Kirk asked the BOCC how they wanted to move forward with this. Discussion followed on taking these parcels off the tax rolls. Lathrop stated that since this parcel is storm water retention per the plat notes, it could not be used for any other purpose. More discussion followed on HOA's. Lathrop added that now that the County is a land owner within the Currier Creek Plat, it has the standing to enforce the covenants.

Kirk suggested forming a small committee to meet and bring recommendations back to the BOCC. Discussion followed on code enforcement procedures on parcels that are being used for dumping. Obie asked that the costs of maintenance on these properties be tracked.

**Board Direction:**

**Form a committee to meet and discuss options for handing the County owned tax title properties, and report back to the BOCC.**

**NELSON SIDING ROAD**

**APPROVED**  
**7/2/2013**

**PROJECT:**

Kirk noted that the Nelson Siding Road project is now substantially complete.

**Board Direction:**

**No direction.**

**Meeting adjourned at 2:44 pm**



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Kirk Holmes  
Public Works Director