COS STUDY SESSION MINUTES
May 11, 2015

THOSE PRESENT:
Gary Berndt, Paul Jewell, Obie O’Brien (BOCC) Lindsey Ozbolt, Jeff Watson, Kaycee Hathaway, Doc Hansen, Stephanie Mifflin (CDS)

GUESTS PRESENT:
Anna Nelson with VanNess Feldman

**2017 Comprehensive Plan Update Consultant RFO**
Doc stated the RFQ will be published on Wednesday, May 13th. Commissioner Jewell asked if VanNess Feldman was interested. Doc stated no. Commissioner Jewell asked if the County has targeted consultants for work. Anna stated yes, and that population projection is the immediate need. Doc stated the RFQ is to have someone on board and the County does not need to use them until they are needed.

There was discussion on population projects, annual updates, and OFM numbers.

Board Direction: None.

**Discussion of the 2017 Comprehensive Plan Update Draft Public Participation Plan:**
Doc stated the process is going to work well. Doc stated the County will adopt a scope of work, open it up to community advisory and citizens at large for opinion, and build a website that is more user-friendly. Doc stated the County will be contacting all advisory committees to ask who would be interested in the Comprehensive Plan Update and that the committee would be a very diverse and large group established by the end of 2015. Commissioner Jewell asked if the entire Comprehensive Plan would be challenging for a citizen advisory group. Anna stated the idea is approach it by issue or topic. Commissioner Jewell agreed that that would be a good approach.

There was discussion on groups and committees in existence and the possibility of using them.
Commissioner Berndt asked where the Public Participation Plan would fall in the process. Doc stated it would be throughout the process. Anna stated a scope of work would be formed, the County-wide Policies will need to be updated by COG, and a Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) would be formed in January. Anna suggested having a public hearing to adopt a scope of work. The Board agreed with that recommendation.

Board Direction: None.

**Summary of the National APA Conference and What it Might Mean to the Update of the Comprehensive Plan:**
Doc summarized the APA Conference. Doc stated the biggest thing that came out of the conference was discussion around 50 year growth areas and that it is something that Kittitas County may want to look at. Jeff stated there was focus on public participation and how the means of communications affect demographics. Jeff stated there was good information on Comprehensive Plans and GMAs. Lindsey stated her focus was on environmental and recreation. Lindsey stated there was discussion on timeshares, second homes, etc. Lindsey stated the APA has established a task for on water on the national level.

Board Direction: None.

**Summary of the Conference of Governments (COG) Meeting on April 22, 2015:**
Doc stated COG is active and expressed that he is impressed with the members. Doc stated he presented the County-wide Policies and explained the process. Doc stated he asked COG to review the policies, make changes, and place them in an objective concept. Doc stated another meeting with COG has been scheduled for June 22nd to review the policies again and ask for feedback. Commissioner Berndt stated the settlement agreement and compliance is going to have a big impact on the County-wide Policies. Doc agreed. Commissioner Jewell stated the policies have not been updated since 2006. Lindsey stated that was correct, and that the policies have been reviewed since 2006 but not a lot has changed.

Board Direction: None.