

# KITTITAS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Paul D. Bennett, P.E., Director

## STUDY SESSION MINUTES

June 9, 2003

**THOSE PRESENT:** Max Golladay, Perry Huston, Bruce Coe, Paul Bennett, Kelly Carlson

**TRANSITIONAL ROADS (PER BOCC REQUEST)** - Paul & Bruce will meet with the Forest Service on June 20, to visit a number of these transitional roads. The Forest Service is giving people access off of these roads but not allowing them to maintain the roads. Paul stated that the two main issues are: 1) Maintenance of Road 2) Winter Closures for snowmobilers, may want the road maintained so they can access their residence by car. Paul asked the BOCC, does the County want to consider maintaining these roads? Bruce stated that the FS might be willing to give us these roads. Perry said he didn't think this would happen without any strings attached. Bruce said he would research this issue with the FS. Max felt that the FS should be talking with the Government before talking to the County. He also felt that the County should be helping the public to understand how to bring these roads onto the County Road System.

**GRANT CO. PUD RE-LICENSING:** Paul stated that there are 10,000 pages of this relicensing document. The Public Hearings start this week. He printed out the pages that affected Kittitas County and stated that it is not a good agreement for Kittitas County. It is proposing to close the boat launch by the dam to any public access. The BOCC approved of Paul attending the Public Hearings on the County's behalf.

**RIDGWAY MORATORIUM:** Paul stated that the construction is going well on Ranch Road and they are trying to beat the weekend weather. The application to amend the short plat to remove the second road will be in tomorrow. Bruce asked if a notification listing had been created for this project, and Paul stated that there would be one created ASAP.

**TRENDWEST PLAT REVIEW:** Paul received their application on June 2, 2003. It should be ready for review by the BOCC by the end of next week. Paul stated that the review should be complete by the June 17 deadline barring any issues that could arise.

**SHALE PIT ROAD:** Paul informed the BOCC that Mike Alberg would like to gate this road, but that there are other property owners to consider. The county does not own that portion of the road but has an agreement for use from the end of pavement to the turnaround for use of the pit. The County has been maintaining the road for over 7 years so prescriptive rights could be sought. The BOCC suggested getting one of the owners to submit a vacation request and then the research would be done to determine exactly what the situation is out there.

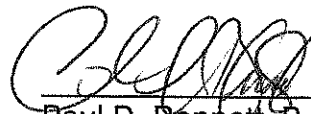
**CAPITAL EQUIPMENT REQUEST:** Paul stated that our Air Compressor died. It was on the replacement list for 2004, but didn't make it that long. To replace it would cost anywhere from \$10-15K and to fix would cost \$5K, so it would be in the best interest of the Co. to purchase a new one. BOCC approved the purchase.

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**JUNE 16 MONDAY STUDY:** Paul stated that the D.O.T. and W & H Pacific will be present to do a short presentation on the Bullfrog/SR903 Intersection project at the June 16, 2003, Public Works Study Session.

**AIRPORT TAXIWAY OVERLAY/FENCING:** Bruce asked why the retainage for this project hasn't been released yet. Paul informed him that there has not been a request to do so yet. The final paperwork has not been completed. He said he was approached by Mark Schober M2. Paul told him that we have told Mark that he needs to go through Columbia for reimbursement. The BOCC directed Paul to come up with some suggestions on how to close out projects in a timelier manner. Maybe some different language in the contract.

**WHITE ROAD PROJECT:** Paul stated that we are finished up with the easements and that he may be asking for a special session on June 23, 2003, to advertise a call for bids for the reconstruction of White Road.



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