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

APPLE MAGGOTS - Paul read the recommendation presented by the Pest Control Board and wanted to know how the BOCC wanted him to respond to this. Perry suggested that the road crew keep a close watch for the Hawthorne & Crab apple tree when performing their brushing and ditching. Perry stated that when finding these trees in the right of way, cutting them down would eliminate the possibility of apple maggots for quite some time since the trees have to be in the fruit bearing stage to attract apple maggots.

BOARD DIRECTION: Directed Paul to draft a letter to the Pest Control Board stating our intentions on handling this issue.

DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY LETTER: There was very little discussion on this and Perry stated that his department was taking the lead to set up a meeting with DOE and County Department heads to discuss their request.

BOARD DIRECTION: Prepare for meeting when set by the BOCC.

BOWERS ROAD R/W ACQUISITION - Paul stated that he had met with HLA the consultants handling this project and they are prepared to begin the R/W acquisition for Bowers Road. Paul expressed concerns over some of the numbers on the offers being too low and asked that HLA take a look at those numbers again. HLA stated that this was just a starting point for the landowner to reject. Perry highly suggested that we not go to them with low bids and start the process off on negative note. Perry asked that Paul convey to the appraiser that at least one Commissioner is not impressed with the numbers that he came up with and that he needs to provide quality work for the County’s money.

BOARD DIRECTION: No Board Direction

SNOW REMOVAL - Paul stated that the snow removal in the County has been going well. The BOCC stated that they have not received any complaints, but have received a lot of “good jobs” from the constituents.

BOARD DIRECTION: No Board Direction

TRANSPORTATION PLAN - Bruce asked how the transportation plan is going. Paul stated that a draft proposal is available, but we are talking with the City of Ellensburg, and Cle Elum to see if this is something they would be interested in partnering in.

Adjourned at 1:53

Paul D. Bennett, P.E.
Director of Public Works