STUDY SESSION MINUTES
March 1, 2004

THOSE PRESENT: Perry Huston, Bruce Coe, Max Golladay, Paul Bennett, Kelly Carlson, Joy Potter, GUEST: Pat Kelleher

GRANT CO. P.U.D RELICENSING – Pat Kelleher gave a presentation on how he thought the sales/proceeds of kilowatts would be dispersed between the ‘players’ of this re-licensing. He was asking the BOCC to intervene with FERC. Max Golladay asked that if the County intervenes what will it get the County? Pat stated that it would be “insurance” for us at a later date. Paul stated that we have commented about our concerns during the comment periods that were held and they were entered into the record.

BOARD DIRECTION: Directed Paul to respond to Pat Kelleher’s letter (once he receives it) after checking with legal on the intervening process.

RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATIONS: Paul stated that during the Short Plat process the BOCC does not see the plat until the final approval is upon them. Per the Kittitas County Code the BOCC is the only body that can accept a dedication of right-of-way. Paul is wondering if the BOCC should have a role earlier in the process to be sure that the proposed right-of-way that is being dedicated will be approved by them at the final approval. This would alleviate a lot of time/money being spent by the applicant should the BOCC choose not to bring the road on system. Perry stated that he doesn’t want to review all of the short plats. He would like Paul to come up with some criteria that would eventually become a policy that the Public Works would go by to be able to make the decision on dedicated right-of-way early in the process. Perry stated that one level of criteria that he will look at would be if it is cost effective/in the public’s best interest to own the right-of-way.

BOARD DIRECTION: Directed Paul to create a “check list” for the BOCC to review and possibly make into a policy for dedicated rights-of-ways in short plats. Bring this to the 3/8/04 Study Session.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT/SUBDIVISION: Paul stated that the Short Plats do not require the necessary level of road improvements for the surrounding use or quantity of lots/homes. For instance if there is a private easement and it is subdivided enough to trigger the upgrade of the road, how do we handle this? The BOCC stated that it would not be our concern because it is a private road. Paul asked if late comer’s fees or impact fees would be an option? Perry stated that he did not want to get into that if we could avoid it.

BOARD DIRECTION: No Board Direction

RURAL ARTERIAL FUTURE FUNDING OPTIONS: Paul stated that we are in the preliminary Stages of selecting the top 5 roads to build/reconstruct in the 05, 07, and 09 biennium’s. Paul
And Joy presented a listing of approximately 10 projects that could be done and how that list was established, what criteria was used to create this list. Paul stated that he needed the BOCC to pick their top 5 projects they would like to see done. Their top 5 choices in order were:

1) Westside Road  
2) Nelson Siding Road  
3) Teanaway Road  
4) Wilson Creek Road & No. 81 Road  
5) Wilson Creek Road (would leave money on the table if chosen)

BOARD DIRECTION: No Board Direction

**BULLFROG ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT:** Paul stated that he had found that he cannot legally bid an add alternate for this project. He will have to bid the 60-day schedule and if Mountainstar/Trendwest chooses not to participate in the cost for the accelerated schedule he will do an Addendum to change to the 90-day schedule.

BOARD DIRECTION: Bid 60-Day and if we need to do an addendum, do so.

Adjourned at 2:30

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