STUDY SESSION MINUTES
May 3, 2004

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

**DNR LEASE w/COUNTY**: Paul stated that the County currently leases the State Pit from DNR and would like to extend the lease to do a crushing operation for material for the Bowers Road Project. There would be a substantial cost savings of $4.00/Ton compared to $6.00/Ton from Ellensburg Cement Products. This rock would also be used for other road projects. Paul also stated that annually we go out to bid for rock and Ellensburg Cement Products is the only bidder each year, so if the County can find its own resources it could save monies.

**BOARD DIRECTION**: Perry directed Paul to set a hearing & discuss intentions, and be sure to notify all interested parties. Put together a detailed proposal and draft up a contract.

**REHIRE COUNTY EMPLOYEE**: Paul stated that he would like to hire Gary Bailes (recently resigned from the county) to run a rented Oil Distributor during the June-July chipseal program. The pay would be $36.20 per hour, and this amount is based on the WSDOT scale for this type of operator. He stated that he could not find an operator to run a rented distributor. He had talked with Kirk and he saw no problem with this. Perry asked if he had looked around for an operator or just decided to go with Gary. Paul stated that usually when we rent an oil distributor it comes with an operator, but this time they do not have one available. Perry suggested going out to ad for an operator.

**BOARD DIRECTION**: Directed Paul to post a notice of position and go through hiring process.

**BULLFROG ROAD**: Paul stated that we have gotten a letter of commitment from MoutainStar for $50,000. Now, WSDOT has agreed to reimburse/partner between $50,000-$60,000 for accelerated costs for the bridge. So, at this point we may not need the MountainStar funding but will keep until the project is complete to be sure.

**BOARD DIRECTION**: No Board Direction

**COMPUTER PURCHASES**: Public Works had $15,000 budgeted to purchase the necessary computers for 2004 and we have found that it will take approximately $17,000. Paul asked the BOCC for approval to go on with the order and if there would need to be a budget amendment to the ERR fund.

**BOARD DIRECTION**: BOCC approved and directed Paul to make adjustments from another line item.

**QUADCO GRANT**: Paul stated that he had attended a Quadco meeting on the 30th of April to discuss funding awards. Kittitas County had submitted an application for $75,000 to aid in the development of the county-wide transportation plan.
With only $94,000 available Paul didn’t feel Kittitas County would receive anymore than $25,000. The Quadco committee awarded Kittitas County $74,000!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**BOARD DIRECTION:** BOCC gave kudos to Paul for his efforts.

**PLAT GUIDANCE:** Paul asked for clarification from the Board on where they stand regarding irrigation water in the rights-of-way. Perry said to stay on the same track as before but we need to frontload and be prepared with all interested parties in order to come to a solution. We need to figure out whose water it is and whether it is tail water (wastewater) or delivery. Then work with the owner to get the ditch moved. Perry stated that the policy direction still stands, but it can’t be just a note on a plat, there must be prior communication with the applicant.

**BOARD DIRECTION:** Continue on the same path, but prepare and meet with the interested parties prior to meeting with the applicant.

Adjourned at 2:12

[Signature]
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Director of Public Works