TUESDAY 4:00 P.M. FEBRUARY 1, 2005

Board members in attendance: Chairman Perry Huston, Vice-Chairman David Bowen and Commissioner Alan Crankovich.

Others: Shannon Carlson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Jennifer Steward, Public Works Road Log Tech, Jim Hurson, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney; Jan Sharar, Staff Planner, Community Development Services; Joy Potter Public Works Engineering Manager; Linda Huber, Auditors Office and approximately 12 members of the public.

At approximately 4:00 p.m. CHAIRMAN HUSTON opened the special meeting to conduct a public hearing to consider the request from the City of Ellensburg to annex a portion of Sanders Road to the City of Ellensburg and remove that portion from the County Road System.

JOY POTTER ENGINEERING MANAGER gave her staff report. She explained that Kittitas County received a request from the City of Ellensburg to annex a portion of Sanders Road to the City. In accordance with RCW 35.21.790 the City of Ellensburg has submitted Ordinance 4400 which will be effective upon concurrence by the Board of Commissioners as evidence by the adoption of a resolution. She went through the history of the annexation starting with the Ellensburg City Council approving an annexation for a portion of Sanders Road into the City of Ellensburg starting approximately 1320 feet East of Airport Road and continuing for 686 feet east. There were some issues that in previous conversations with the developer, there could be the potential of removing the existing structure and replacing it with a culvert. During this discussion it was identified that Kittitas County wanted to maintain ownership of the existing structure after it was removed, which is a three sided structure with no deficiencies. The structure is currently owned and maintained by Kittitas County and is suitable to be used at another county location. If the County were to upgrade the road and replace this structure in the future, this structure would be salvaged and utilized on another county road. It is the recommendation of the Public Works department that the Board hold a public hearing and take testimony and approve the request for the annexation of Sanders Road, from milepost 0.25 to milepost 0.38 to the City of Ellensburg. It was further recommended that the Board approve a condition to the annexation...
that upon replacement of the existing structure by the City or a private party, that party will remove the structure and return it to Kittitas County in a functional condition.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING:

STEVE WILLARD representing himself spoke in favor of the annexation. He talked about the existing structure and what he thought the condition of the structure was. He felt that once the structure was removed it would not be salvageable. He explained all the improvements that he is voluntarily providing in exchange for the bridge deck.

JOHN AKERS representing the City of Ellensburg reviewed the Ordinance that was passed by the Ellensburg City Council referencing the annexation. He explained the improvements and what the developer was required to do. He recommended to the Board that they delay making a decision today since the County Public Works Director was absent and to explore the options of the existing structure.

THERE BEING NO ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH said he would like to see a recommendation by the Director of Public Works with regard to the structure in question. COMMISSIONER BOWEN said with the absence of the Public Works Director he would like to see the public hearing continued.

✓MOTION CITY OF ELLENSBURG ANNEXATION PUBLIC WORKS

COMMISSIONER BOWEN moved to continue the public hearing to February 8, 2005 at 4:00 P.M. in the Commissioners Auditorium record to remain open. COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH second. Motion carried 3-0.

✓PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF KITTITAS ANNEXATION COMMISSIONERS

At approximately 4:18 p.m. CHAIRMAN HUSTON opened a public hearing to consider approving a resolution of concurrence with the City of Kittitas requesting to annex a portion of Kittitas Highway to the City of Kittitas and to remove that same portion from the County Road System.

JOY POTTER, ENGINEERING MANAGER gave her staff report. She explained that on October 12, 2004 the City Council of the City of Kittitas approved the annexation for City of Kittitas School District, a portion of Kittitas Highway south of the Kittitas School District annexation was included. On January 3, 2005 the Public Works department received
notification from the Boundary Review Board of the annexation. The annexation is within the current UGA boundary and RCW chapter 35.21.790 provides a mechanism for cities and counties to jointly adjust corporate boundaries. It is the recommendation of the Public Works department that the Board approve the request for the annexation of the portion of the Kittitas Highway lying south of the Kittitas School District annexation to the City of Kittitas.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING:

LINDA HUBER representing the City of Kittitas City Council spoke in support of the annexation and asked the Board to do the same.

THERE BEING NO ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

✓RESOLUTION 2005-11 CITY OF KITTITAS ANNEXATION PUBLIC WORKS

COMMISSIONER BOWEN moved to approve Resolution No. 2005-11 a Resolution of concurrence with the City of Kittitas Request to Annex a Portion of Kittitas Highway and Remove that Portion from the County Road System. COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH second. Motion Carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING WILD HORSE WIND POWER PROJECT COMMISSIONERS

At approximately 4:26.m. CHAIRMAN HUSTON opened the continued public hearing to receive a progress report on the Wild Horse Wind Power Project.

JAN SHARAR, STAFF PLANNER gave a staff report. She gave an update of the Planning Commissions progress. The Planning Commission deliberated for three and a half hours and was planning on continuing those tonight. JIM HURSON, CHIEF CIVIL DEPUTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY told the Board that he hoped that the Planning Commission would come to a conclusion tonight.

PUBLIC HEARING WILD HORSE WIND POWER PROJECT CDS

COMMISSIONER HUSTON moved to continue the public hearing to consider the Wild Horse Wind Power Project Application to February 16th, 2005 at 6:00 P.M. in the Home Arts Building at the Kittitas County Fairgrounds and direct staff to re-issue a notice of public hearing. COMMISSIONER BOWEN second. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.