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


At approximately 4:00 p.m. CHAIRMAN HUSTON opened a public hearing to consider revising Kittitas County Code Chapter 10.12.010 “Stop and Yield Signs” located in Maintenance Districts “G” & “H” which includes the Southeast Areas of Kittitas County.

JENNIFER STEWARD, ROAD LOG TECHNICIAN presented a Staff Report. She explained that Kittitas County has various intersections with Yield signs posted. The current Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and American Association of State Highways and Transportation Officials has specific guidelines that must be adhered to for the correct placement of yield signs. The Public Works Department initiated the task of reviewing all the yield signs on a district by district basis to allow complete review of each sign location. She said that following an on­-site inspection of each intersection, reviewing distance triangle, accident history, speed and traffic volumes, they were recommending that nine of the thirteen signs be replaced with stop signs. The intersections recommended were Curlew Road at Game Farm Road; Moreau Road at Brick Mill Road; Schnebly Road at Brick Mill Road; Thomas Road at Wilson Creek Road; Christensen Road at Fox Road; Gage Road at Colockum Road; Gilbert Road at Lyons Road; Grinrod Road at Gilbert Road; and Snodgrass Road at No. 81 Road. She noted that all sites had been posted with the proposed changes since January 3rd as well as notices had been sent to appropriate landowners and legal notice in the newspaper.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING:  NONE

THERE BEING NO ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.
COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH moved to approve Ordinance No. 2005-07, Placing nine Stop Signs in Districts G & H (Northeast area of Kittitas County) at the intersections that do not conform to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and the American Association of State Highways and Transportation Officials, at the following locations: Curlew Road at Game Farm Road; Moreau Road at Brick Mill Road; Schnebly Road at Brick Mill Road; Thomas Road at Wilson Creek Road; Christensen Road at Fox Road; Gage Road at Colockum Road; Gilbert Road at Lyons Road; Grinrod Road at Gilbert Road; and Snodgrass Road at No. 81 Road. COMMISSIONER BOWEN seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IRRIGATION FRANCHISE TERRY AND WENDY ALKIRE COMMISSIONERS

At approximately 4:11 p.m. CHAIRMAN HUSTON opened a public hearing to consider approving an irrigation franchise with Terry and Wendy Alkire.

JOHN NIXON, CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISOR gave a staff report. The land owners (Terry and Wendy Alkire) replaced the existing pipe with a larger pipe for irrigation water. Mr. Nixon explained that this was a benefit to the County because water will not be flooding on the roadway and eroding the road. Staff recommended Board approval and signature of the Non-Exclusive Irrigation Franchise with Terry and Wendy Alkire on Fox Road.

COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH asked if this pipe had already been replaced? Mr. Nixon explained that the pipe had already been replaced and that this is a common practice of farmers because they don't realize that a franchise is required by the County. He also discussed some issues around time line and to see if there was a more expedient way to complete the process of obtaining a non-exclusive franchise with the County. CHAIRMAN HUSTON explained the pre-annexation agreements that are done by the City of Ellensburg and that the process may be able to mimic that one.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: NONE

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

IRRIGATION FRANCHISE TERRY AND WENDY ALKIRE PUBLIC WORKS

COMMISSIONER BOWEN moved for Board approval and signature on a Non-Exclusive Irrigation Franchise with Terry and Wendy Alkire on Fox Road. COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH second. Motion Carried 3-0.
Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

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KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Perry Huston, Chairman