CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Huston called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Darryl Piercy, Director of Community Development Services; Judy Pless, Budget & Finance Manager; Amy Mills, Treasurer; Kirk Eslinger, Human Resources Director; Todd Davis, Noxious Weed Director; Joanna Valencia, Staff Planner; Paul Bennett, Public Works Director; Jan Sharar, Staff Planner; Clayton Myers, Undersheriff; Bert Marx, Corrections Department; Duke Senter, Computer Services Director; Ryan Roberts, Public Works Design Engineer; Marsha Weyand, Assessor’s office; Iris Rominger, Assessor and approximately 4 members of the public.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COUNTY EMPLOYEES –

Paul Bennett, Public Works Director introduced Ryan Roberts, their new Design Engineer.

PROCLAMATIONS – NONE

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS – NONE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Bowen moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed under the Consent Agenda were distributed to the Board of County Commissioners in advance for study and were enacted by one motion with separate discussion to the extent any items were removed from the Consent Agenda at the request of a Board member.

Commissioner Bowen moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
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RESOLUTION NO. 2005-54  CHANGING PETTY CASH  AUDITOR

Approve Resolution No. 2005-54 Changing Petty Cash Accounts by adding an additional $400.00 to the Solid Waste till accounts for use on weekends and as a change drawer.

AGREEMENT  UPPER CO. SENIOR CENTER  COMMISSIONERS

Approve an Agreement between Kittitas County and the Upper Kittitas County Senior Center, in the amount of $19,900.00 to provide senior citizens and others in the Upper Kittitas County for the period beginning January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005.

CONTRACT  ELLENSBURG-MOXEEN UNDESIRABLE PLANT SURVEY  NOXIOUS WEED

Acknowledge the Ellensburg-Moxee Undesirable Plant Survey Contract between Kittitas County Noxious Weed Control Board and the Bonneville Power Administration.

AGREEMENTS  WEED DISTRICTS NO. 1, 2, 3 & 5  NOXIOUS WEED

Approve a Memorandum of Agreements for the 2005 calendar year between Kittitas County Noxious Weed Control Board and the Kittitas County Weed
Districts No. 1, 2, 3 & 5, to promote a coordinated management program in Kittitas County for noxious weeds.

**SET CLOSED RECORD MEETING VILLAGE AT THE SUMMIT DIVISION 2 CDS**

Acknowledge receipt of the transmittal of Planning Commission recommendations for the Village at the Summit Division 2 Replat (P-05-02), and to set a closed record meeting to be held on Tuesday April 19, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioner’s Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse.

**AGREEMENT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & HOMELAND SECURITY SHERIFF**

Acknowledge Agreement No. E-04-036 (FFY03-II SHSP) Amendment G, with the Washington State Military Department and Department of Homeland Security in the amount of $32,596.91 to provide mobile data computers, EOC projectors and a Badge-Access System.

**AGREEMENT US FOREST SERVICE SHERIFF**

Acknowledge Agreement No. 04-LE-11061720-003, between the Kittitas County Sheriff’s Office and the U.S.D.A. Forest Service, in the amount of $50,000.00 to provide a Deputy for a thirty (30) hour work week for the period of October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005.

**AGREEMENT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PURCHASE CLERK**

Approve an Agreement between the State of Washington Administrative Office of the Courts and Kittitas County to provide computer equipment and printers for the court systems.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Commissioner Bowen moved to ratify the Chair’s signature on a letter to Jerry Jensen of the Ellensburg Rodeo Board, noting no objections to their application for a Special Occasion License submitted by the Ellensburg Rodeo Posse and the Ellensburg Rodeo Association to sell beer, wine and spirits at the Ellensburg Rodeo and Kittitas County from September 2, 2005 to September 5, 2005 at the Quick Draw Saloon and Behind the Chutes beer hall. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS - NONE**

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - NONE**
BOARD DISCUSSION/DECISION ITEMS

RESOLUTION 2005-46 DENYING DESERT CLAIM WIND POWER PROJECT

Chairman Huston opened the continued public hearing to consider the Desert Claim Wind Power Project. He noted that the hearing had been continued to consider Resolution No. 2005-46, denying the Desert Claim Wind Power project. The Board members made their disclosures and there were no objections. Darryl Piercy, Director of Community Development Services introduced the revised Resolution with Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law which was consistent with the Boards action on March 29, 2005.

Chairman Huston moved to amend Resolution No. 2005-46, with the revised Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as presented. Commissioner Bowen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.


SALARIES

The Board acknowledged receipt of a Memorandum concerning Salaries of District One and District Two County Commissioners from Prosecutor Greg Zempel, dated March 24, 2005. Chairman Huston reviewed the process that had been put in place by the previous Board to review elected officials salaries. He felt it was true to the spirit of the Board to establish elected officials salaries prior to the filing period of an upcoming election. He recognized that although the Commissioners salaries had been approved after the July 1st deadline it was done by the filing period so everyone was made aware of what those salaries were. He noted the Board had signed Personnel Action Forms on March 28, 2005 for Commissioners District 1 and District 2, increasing their wages to $5,010.00 a month, retroactive to January 1, 2005, based upon the Prosecutor’s opinion of March 24, 2005. There would be a public hearing to consider the budget amendments at a later. Commissioner Bowen said there was an Attorney Generals opinion supporting the Prosecutor’s recommendation. He felt that the salaries advertised during the filing period should stand. Commissioner Crankovich said in the future, consideration needs to be given to those elected positions as other employees in the County.
The Board expressed their appreciation for the Prosecutor’s research.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING**  
Road Maintenance Union  
Human Resources

Commissioner Crankovich moved to approve a Letter of Understanding with the AFSCME Local 792, for purposes of addressing the issue of an employee asked to fulfill the duties of “Interim Facilities Maintenance Director”. Commissioner Bowen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**FUNDS**  
**HOTEL/MOTEL EXTENSION OF FUNDS**  
**AUDITOR**

Commissioner Bowen moved to authorize an extension of funds from the 2004 Hotel Motel distribution for the Thorp Mill Town $2,000; Northern Kittitas County Historical Society $2,500; and the Coal Mines Trail Commission $2,000, and to authorize the Auditor’s office to release the funds upon presentation of a letter of request for reimbursable charges. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**AGREEMENT**  
**COMPREHENSIVE MENTAL HEALTH & CORRECTION**  
**SHERIFF**

Commissioner Bowen moved to approve an Agreement between Central Washington Comprehensive Mental Health and Kittitas County Corrections center for jail-based services beginning April 1, 2005, not to exceed $22,000 per year. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**GRANT**  
**WASHINGTON TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION**  
**SHERIFF**

Commissioner Crankovich moved to acknowledge a Grant from the Washington Traffic Safety Commission to purchase occupant protection advertising in the amount of $800.00 for the period March 14, 2005 through May 14, 2005. Commissioner Bowen seconded.

**AGREEMENT**  
**MT. HOOD CHEMICAL CORPORATION**  
**SHERIFF**

Commissioner Bowen moved to approve and authorize the Chair to sign a Lease and Service Agreement with Mt. Hood Chemical Corporation for a dishmachine in the Corrections Center. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**SOFTWARE SYSTEM**  
**COMPUTER SERVICES**

Commissioner Crankovich moved to approve a Request for Proposals for a Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal, Assessment Administration, and Tax Administration Software System, to be accepted until April 22, 2005 at 4:30 p.m. in the Commissioner’s Office, Room 108, County Courthouse, and to authorize the Clerk to publish said notice. Commissioner Bowen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
Chairman Huston moved to direct the Chair to send a memo to the Treasurer’s office and the Assessor’s office, ensuring that all installation protocol, testing and training will be conducted by Computer Services prior to a notice to proceed with the software. Commissioner Bowen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION 2005-47  UPDATE WEBSITE POLICIES  COMPUTER SERVICES

Commissioner Bowen moved to approve Resolution No. 2005-47 In the Matter of Updating the Web Site Policies and Disclaimer. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

CLOSED RECORD MEETING      PINE LOCH SUN REPLAT (P-04-04)       CDS

Joanna Valincia, Staff Planner reviewed the Pine Loch Sun Replat, noting that the Planning Commission had recommended approval on February 28, 2005. She explained the request was for an amendment to update the fact of the plans for Pine Loch Sun Divisions 1-3 revising the plat dedication language to dedicate the use of the roads from “public” to “private” use. The Comprehensive Plan’s Land Use Element designates the subject location of Pine Loch Sun Subdivision 1 and 2 as Rural, while Pine Loch Sun Subdivision 3 is designated as Urban Residential. Since road configurations are not changing, their department has elected to utilize existing legal descriptions from the original Pine Loch Sun 1-3 Subdivision Plats to define roads involved in the proposal.

Chairman Huston moved to approve the request for the Pine Loch Sun Replat, as recommended by the Planning Commission and to direct staff to prepare the enabling documents for the April 19, 2005 Commissioner Agenda at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioner’s Auditorium. Commissioner Bowen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

CLOSED RECORD MEETING      HORSESHOE HILLS PRELIMINARY PLAT         CDS

Jan Sharar, Staff Planner reviewed the proposed request for the Horseshoe Hills Preliminary Plat. She explained that the application was for a division of approximately 11.52 acres into three lots (one at 3.00 acres, one at 4.19 acres and one at 4.32 acres in size). The property is located off of the Red Bridge Road west of the Weihl Road, lying north of State Route 970 and approximately 4 miles east of Cle Elum. She said the Planning Commission recommended denial of the application. A minority report stated the road and water issues would be addressed at the time of development. She said testimony in opposition was given at the open record hearing concerning increased density impacts on area wells.
Chairman Huston said after reviewing the record, there were legitimate concerns but the request was at a land division phase only. He felt the request was consistent with the County Comprehensive Plan and could not find any basis in the law to deny the application. He acknowledged there is potable water, the amount is unknown, and there are no guarantees that the land will be buildable in the future.

Commissioner Bowen moved to approve the request from Horseshoe Hills as presented, and to direct staff to prepare enabling documents for the Board’s consideration at the April 19, 2005 Agenda at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioner’s Auditorium. Chairman Huston seconded.

Commissioner Crankovich expressed concerns including a neighboring well putting out only 3 gallons a minute at a depth of 360 feet, while recognizing it was not on the subject property. He said he could not support the motion. Chairman Huston said in the future policy may need to be reviewed for proof of water availability, but with the current application, they must go by the current policy in place.

Motion carried 2-1 (Commissioner Crankovich voted against the motion).

RESOLUTION 2005-48  STEELHEAD ESU  CDS


SET PUBLIC HEARING  CAPITAL FACILITIES PLAN  CDS

Commissioner Crankovich moved to set a public hearing to consider the adoption of the Kittitas County Capital Facilities Plan for the period of 2005 through 2010, to be held on Tuesday April 19, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioner’s Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse, and to authorize the Clerk to publish said notice. Commissioner Bowen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

MOTION  CREATE TAX PARCEL NUMBER  CDS

Chairman Huston moved to approve a request from David Nelson on behalf of Barbara Mueller, to create a tax parcel number under Section 16.28.020, for property purchased from the State of Washington, accompanied by a Governor’s Deed dated June 6, 2000, and to direct staff to prepare the enabling documents for the April 19, 2005 Commissioner Agenda at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioner’s Auditorium. Commissioner Bowen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
Commissioner Bowen moved to set a public hearing to consider granting a non-exclusive Irrigation Franchise on Upper Badger Pocket Road near the intersection of Upper Badger Pocket Road and Katen Road, to be held on Tuesday May 3, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioner’s Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse, and to authorize the Clerk to publish said notice. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Crankovich moved to approve Resolution No. 2005-49, Awarding a Contract for the 2005 County Road Striping Contract to Road Runner Striping Company in the amount of $126,476.00 and to authorize the Director of Public Works to sign the contract documents for said project. Commissioner Bowen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bowen moved to approve and a Quit Claim Deed from Kittitas County to Suncadia, LLC, the right to maintain existing utilities located on the property legally described in a deed dated February 12, 2001 recorded in Auditor’s File No. 200102120001, and to authorize the Chair to sign a Real Estate Excise Tax Affidavit. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Haberman of Cascade Pallet Company distributed a copy of a rate comparison between Ellensburg and Pasco. He felt the County should give consideration to the improvements he has done on the property and that he should be provided a reduced rate. Mr. Haberman claimed he had spent approximately $500,000.00 in improvements to the property.

Chairman Huston said he appreciated Mr. Haberman’s comments, but noted that the original lease had contained a rent credit for improvements to the property, and he felt the County had held up their end of the bargain. He felt the proposed amendments were a modest increase. He advised Mr. Haberman that if he felt he had not been compensated enough for the improvements, to submit actual figures to Mr. Bennett of the Public Works Department.

Commissioner Bowen moved to approve Amendment No. 1 and Amendment No. 2 to a Lease between Kittitas County and Cascade Pallet Company, increasing the rental rate from $.033 per square foot to $.036 per square foot, effective March 1, 2005 through February 28, 2007. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT  VALERIE SOUTHERN-TRANSPORTATION  PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner Crankovich moved to approve and authorize the Chair to sign a Supplemental Agreement with Valerie J. Southern-Transportation in the amount of $235,408.43 for Phase II of the Kittitas County 20-Year Transportation Plan, beginning April 7, 2005 through September 31, 2005. Commissioner Bowen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION 2005-50  SURPLUS PROPERTY-BOWERS RD. EXTENSION  PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner Bowen moved to approve Resolution No. 2005-50, Declaring the County’s Intention to Surplus the Structures and Approximately 3.21 Acres of the Remainder Property Acquired during the right-of-way Acquisitions for the Bowers Road Extension, and to set a public hearing to be held on Tuesday May 3, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioner’s Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse, and to authorize the Clerk to publish said notice. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

AGREEMENT  HLA – AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS  PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner Crankovich moved to approve and authorize the Director of Public Works to sign a Consultant Supplemental Agreement with Huibregtse, Louman Associates, Inc. for Airport Access Improvements, in the amount of $23,446.82. Commissioner Bowen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION 2005-51  SURPLUS EQUIPMENT & SET HEARING  PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner Bowen moved to approve Resolution No. 2005-51, Intent to Surplus E.R. and R. Equipment No. 272-2000 Cat 140H Grader, E.R. and R. Equipment No. 273-2000 Cat 140H Grader, and E.R. and R. Equipment No. 248-1991 John Deere 772BH Grader Surplus and to Set a Call for Bids for Two Motor Graders, and to set a public hearing to be held on Tuesday May 3, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioner’s Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse; to accept bids until April 20, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at the Public Works Department, 411 N. Ruby, Suite 1, Ellensburg, and to authorize the Clerk to publish said notice. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

CERTIFICATION  ANNUAL CRAB CERT. - SCRIVENERS ERROR  PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner Crankovich moved to acknowledge a scriveners error on the Annual Certification to the County Road Administration Board for the year 2004. Commissioner Bowen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
APPOINTMENT AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE - NOUWENS COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Bowen moved to appoint Dan Nouwens to the Kittitas County Airport Advisory Committee as the Airport Lessee position, effective immediately and expiring on December 31, 2006. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

APPOINTMENT WATER CONSERVANCY BOARD COMMISSIONERS

Dennis Kelly and Pat Deneen stated their interest in being appointed to serve on the Water Conservancy Board.

Commissioner Crankovich asked Mr. Deneen if he felt he would have a conflict of interest. Mr. Deneen explained that as a current member of the Board, he had no problem recusing himself in the past. Chairman Huston noted that he had a verbal resignation from Mr. Mike Moeur, who has been an alternate on the Board and he indicated he would be providing his written resignation to the Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Deneen said he is only interested in serving as a Board member, and not as an alternate. Mr. Kelly said he would be willing to serve as either an alternate or Board member.

The Board indicated they would like to first obtain a letter of resignation from Mr. Mike Moeur before making a decision.

Commissioner Crankovich moved to postpone consideration of the appointment to the Water Conservancy Board until the Commissioners Agenda on Tuesday April 19, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium. Commissioner Bowen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION 2005-52 OFFICIAL COUNTY NEWSPAPER-DAILY RECORD COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Crankovich moved to approve Resolution No. 2005-52, Awarding a Contract for the Official County Newspaper to the Daily Record, beginning July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006, at a rate of $4.70 per column inch for legal advertisements and $6.15 per column inch for display advertisements. Commissioner Bowen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

CONTRACT OFFICIAL COUNTY NEWSPAPER-DAILY RECORD COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Bowen moved to approve a Contract between Kittitas County and the Daily Record to serve as the Official County Newspaper for the term beginning July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006, at a rate of $4.70 per column inch for legal advertisements and $6.15 per column inch for display advertisements. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
MISCELLANEOUS

EXECUTIVE SESSION – NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Bowen moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 p.m. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Julie A. Kjorsvik               Perry D. Huston, Chairman