COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
SPECIAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 3:00 P.M. AUGUST 17, 2005

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Darryl Piercy, Director of Community Development Services; Ryan Roberts, Public Works Staff; Patti Johnson, Interim Public Works Director; Randy Carbery, Public Works Staff; Joy Potter, Public Works Staff; Nancy Goodloe, Public Health Administrator; James Hurson, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor and 8 members of the public.

PUBLICATION HEARING ROAD STANDARDS PUBLIC WORKS

At approximately 3:00 p.m. CHAIRMAN HUSTON opened the continued public hearing from August 3, 2005, to consider amendments to the Kittitas County Road Standards.

PATTI JOHNSON, INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR said there had not been any changes from the previous language that was submitted on August 3, 2005.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: MARK KIRKPATRICK REPRESENTING COMPASS ENGINEERING said he had met with Public Works staff regarding the chart for intersection spacing, and reiterated that there was not a County in the State that uses the numbers that are located in the WAC. URBAN EBERHART felt the language would be easier to follow if it was in code form. He reviewed portions of the proposed language and made suggested changes. CLINT PERRY, TERRADESIGN WORKS felt the proposed language was very close, but still had suggested changes to the document. PAT DENEEN spoke of the process and said there was a group who had reviewed the Road Standards for over two years, and their hope was for an annual review to fix things that needed to be fixed, but do it as time goes along. He felt the current document was not the direction they had intended it to go. He suggested that staff sit down with members of the committee that was formed, to review the Road Standards, and go through the document again to allow the Public Works Department to see how the committee came up with their information. THERE BEING NO FURTHER TESTIMONY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.
CHAIRMAN HUSTON commented on the following: he liked the language for grades and would like to leave it in; take out the requirement for internal road standard; high density zones are too vague in general; not require a through access, but he would rather see in the cluster subdivision and public benefit rating section; 40 lots or more ingress or egress: willing to see exceptions to that through variance process; International Building Fire Code was adopted and mandated; road crossing ditches issue - no win... willing to listen to suggestions; pull out subdivision and building roads to standards because it is confusing; break for high or low density willing to listen to staff's suggestions - maybe a variance request? UGA & UGN is confusing take out the UGN.

COMMISSIONER BOWEN questioned the bonding for a county or public road? CHAIRMAN HUSTON was inclined to leave the bonding language in. COMMISSIONER BOWEN felt the road spacing was a little extreme; break-off between high & low density; take out all road residential and commercial. COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH felt the road spacing needed to be adjusted and noted there is an ongoing effort to get as much irrigation water away from County roads.

The Board directed staff to prepare language to be presented in an Ordinance form, with all of the proposed changes made by Board of County Commissioners, noting there should be no other changes or variations. If something comes up and would need a variation, staff is to put that language in a second draft form, and then Board could decide to include it or not. They requested staff to make specific strike outs, etc.

CHAIRMAN HUSTON moved to continue the public hearing to September 6, 2005, at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse, to consider enabling documents. COMMISSIONER BOWEN seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING SUBDIVISION CODE CDS
Approximately 4:29 p.m. CHAIRMAN HUSTON opened the continued public hearing to consider amendments to the Subdivision Code.

DARRYL PIERCY, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES presented information that reflects language from a series of public hearings. He said the exempt segregations that were shown in the documents are now reduced to 40 acres and are now 20 acres. The language does not allow for further reduction in size unless it goes through platting process. He was prepared to meet the deadline for September 6th so the Prosecutor can review.
The Board noted the record still closed. Forward language to Hurson for review.

CHAIRMAN HUSTON moved to continue the hearing to September 6, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. to review an Ordinance prepared by staff. COMMISSIONER BOWEN seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

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Perry D. Huston, Chairman