STUDY SESSION MINUTES
AUGUST 29, 2005

THOSE PRESENT: Alan Crankovich, Perry Huston, David Bowen, Patti Johnson, Joy Potter, John Nixon, Kelly Bacon

GUESTS PRESENT: Bob Johnson, Helene Bull, Hank Sirrine

VARIANCES: Patti started the discussion stating that we have not had a response from the public in regards to the Variance Committee. Patti stated that she has volunteered to join the committee once her Interim Public Works position is completed. Joy explained that we have had variance requests from the public such as a piece of land that would allow most of the road to be 60' but in a short section they would only be capable of a 40' Right of Way. Joy would like some direction as to the process the commissioners would like for the Public Works Department to follow and if the Board of County Commissioners would be the appeal board until a Variance Committee is formed?

BOARD DIRECTION: Commissioners Huston explained that the BOCC would like for the Public Works staff to first find out why the Variance is being requested. If it is a valuable reason, then we should continue with researching the repercussions of the variance. The Board of County Commissioners will work as the Board of Appeal. Because there are no guidelines written Perry wants good records kept of all Variances filed with the Public Works Department and eventually there will be a good solid trail of how things have been handled and they can become the guidelines. BOCC would like an official appeal to be written up as Administrative Appeal until a Variance Committee is formed.

I-NET DISCUSSION: Bob Johnson was present to discuss the I-Net issue. Bob explained that he had met with Charter’s Business Unit. Charter explained to Bob that they would be willing to take care of any Government needs. They would like to start as soon as possible on getting this project going. Perry explained that because we own the line, there would have to
be a competitive process followed. Because we are a Government entity we are not able to just give the contract to Charter. The BOCC would need some information regarding the number of fibers and what the county needs to utilize. The BOCC would like to know what the outlook is for 20 years down the road. Once this information is obtained the County would go out for bid. Bob stated that we would also need to have a point of presence and he thought that maybe it could be the new fire station in Upper County.

**BOARD DIRECTION:** Perry stated that they would like for Bob to bring back the closest projection of the project. The BOCC would also like for Bob to take the request for the point of presence to the Upper County Fire Station.

**SUNCADIA STAFFING AGREEMENT:** Patti stated that Public Works received a letter from Suncadia asking to cut money by 50% for all outside Engineering Costs. The agreement was signed in 2004 and goes through 2007. Perry stated that this would be brought up at the 2006 budget meeting. The county will need to take a look at tax revenue and then make a decision from there.

**BOARD DIRECTION:** BOCC directed Patti to send the BOCC acknowledgment of receiving such letter.

**TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT GRANT:** Joy stated that the applications had been mailed out last week and that they are all due back to the Department of Public Works by the middle of September. Joy stated that she will have the applications to the BOCC by September 26, 2005 and proposed having a special agenda session on September 28th, 2005. Commissioner Huston stated that Joy will need to get a hold of the Clerk of the Board to set up the special agenda session. Commissioner Crankovich stated that the Coal Miners Trail is meeting tonight so he will present the information to them incase they are interested.

**BOARD DIRECTION:** The BOCC directed Joy to contact the Clerk of the Board and make sure that she is aware of the meeting on September 28, 2005 to consider a resolution for the Transportation Enhancement Grant; therefore it can be advertised as such.
ENGINEER – TOM CHINI SCHEDULE: Patti asked for some direction on how the BOCC would like for Public Works to handle the transition of new director with the interim Engineer Tom Chini. Perry stated that they new Public Works Director Scott Bradshaw is aware of the issue and has been informed of the decisions he needs to make as to whether or not he is going to take on the Engineering position or if the County needs to continue contracting with Tom Chini until an Engineer is appointed.

BOARD DIRECTION: The situation has already been addressed and no steps need to be taken by Patti Johnson or the Public Works Staff at this present time.

CRYSTAL CREEK: Joy stated that she needs verification about the Shaft Street Vacation. A developer stated that the BOCC said they needed no bonds on the public road. Joy read a copy of the Public Hearing Notes from the meeting held in Upper District Court. Commissioner Bowen stated that they didn’t want the bond done prior to the new road being constructed. They were concerned that the bond would go through then the old road would be removed prior to the new road being constructed. The BOCC agreed that their words were misinterpreted.

BOARD DIRECTION: No direction given.

WEAVER ROAD: John stated that property owners on Weaver Road want a turn around. The land has been donated by Connie Dunnington and David Hudson. PSE is moving a few poles, and we are considering eliminating and consolidating pipes. Bart Bland had asked to place a pipe from the irrigation ditch to his land.

Excused for executive session at 2:19 p.m.
Re-entered agenda study session at 2:25 p.m.

BOARD DIRECTION: Commissioner Huston stated that the staff was given direction.
BOARDS CONCERNS/ISSUES:

Commissioner Crankovich: Asked about the resurfacing of Lambert Road. Joy stated that the road is on top of their list. Patti stated that Lambert Road would be resurfaced but that it would not happen until probably next year.

Meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

Patti Johnson
Interim Director of Public Works