STUDY SESSION MINUTES
September 12, 2005


GUESTS PRESENT: Anna Lael, Kittitas County Conservation District

VOUCHERS: Commissioners signed vouchers submitted by Staff.

FAUST RD CUL-DE-SAC: Joy updated the BOCC on the new alignment for the Faust Road alignment. She stated that she had gotten a verbal agreement on a “hammerhead” alignment from the Sinclairs. She stated that at this time the legal descriptions are being reviewed in order to acquire the right of way. Joy stated that State Parks is interested in buying the property, but says that the Quit Claim Deeds are too intensive. Joy stated that it may be in the best interest of the County to give the State Parks the County’s portion of partnership in cash and let them build their own trail.

BOARD DIRECTION: Commissioner Huston stated that he would like to go with the Statutory Warranty Deed process with the State Parks. Commissioner Crankovich stated that we still need to rename the other portion of Faust Road.

WILSON CREEK SPEED ZONE: Joy stated that we continue to get speed study requests for Wilson Creek & No. 6 Roads. The speed studies show that the public is traveling at the legal speed. Joy asked the BOCC how to respond to further inquiries.

BOARD DIRECTION: Commissioner Huston stated that any further requests need to be in writing to the BOCC. At that time the request will be forwarded to Public Works for research and a report back to the BOCC. At that time the BOCC will determine if a hearing is warranted.

GODAWA LANE CUL-DE-SAC: John Nixon stated that Mike White is willing to give some of his property in order for a cul-de-sac to be built by
the county on Godawa Lane. Commissioner Crankovich stated that Mr. White had contacted him regarding this request. A map was presented for all to determine exactly where this cul-de-sac would be located. Commissioner Huston asked if we actually own this road, and there was not a confirmed answer at that time. John Nixon will schedule to meet Mr. White for more details.

**BOARD DIRECTION:** Commissioner Huston directed staff to confirm the ownership of the Godawa Lane right of way and then determine if there is a need for this cul-de-sac and if it is in the best interest of the County.

**NO. 6 ROAD CONSTRUCTION SPEED ZONE:** Joy requested the BOCC approve Scott Bradshaw’s signature on a letter that will reduce the speed limit to 25 mph on No. 6 Road during the construction beginning October 3, 2005.

**BOARD DIRECTION:** The BOCC approved the signature and the speed reduction.

**DIRT DISPOSAL POLICY:** Director Bradshaw requested clarification on this policy as far as format and a due date for the document. Commissioner Crankovich stated that previously the Public Works Dept. established a list of people that had requested the dirt, but if there was a farmer close that is usually where the dirt went. Commissioner Huston stated that the dirt is not to be hauled on private roads and to include in the policy. He stated that perceptions can get things out of “whack”.

**BOARD DIRECTION:** Commissioner Huston requested Director Bradshaw draft the policy and present at the 9/19/05 Study Session for review.

**PSE POWER CROSSING:** John Nixon stated that PSE had sent an application for work in the right of way to him for approval. He stated that it is for overhead lines that will cross our right of way and that are not included in their current franchise. He stated they are planning to add this location to their franchise area in 2006 when the franchise is renewed. John Nixon asked if the BOCC had any issues with this.
BOARD DIRECTION: Commissioner Huston stated he had no issues with this crossing and approved John Nixon processing the work in the right of way permit.

IRRIGATION FRANCHISE: John Nixon stated that Paul Cloutier of Robinson Canyon Road is requesting a Irrigation Franchise. This franchise would remove an existing structure that is in the right of way, out. John Nixon went over a drawing of what is to be done and explained that there is no county participation.

BOARD DIRECTION: BOCC approved setting the hearing to consider the franchise.

PASSMORE ROAD: John Nixon stated that a development company is interested in paving to the second hairpin corner on Passmore Road. He stated that there is an RCW that allows for this but requirements have to be met prior to this. John Nixon also stated that there are no documents showing County ownership of this road but we are still researching.

BOARD DIRECTION: Commissioner Huston stated that ownership needs to be established. If we can’t then we would either go prescriptive rights or request land from adjacent landowners.

JACK/INDIAN CREEK: Anna Lael, Kittitas County Conservation District, was present to discuss the grant applications for Jack Creek and Indian Creek culverts. She stated that Jack Creek has approximately 5 miles of habitat and Indian Creek has approximately 3 miles of habitat. She stated that the probability of these projects getting funded is pretty low. Ms. Lael stated that the construction funds from the County will not be obligated until the KCCD signs the contract.

BOARD DIRECTION: Commissioner Huston directed Staff to put these projects on the County’s Six-Year program to report for Title II funds even if we don’t do the projects they will be on in case we do.

QUARTZ MT. & LOOKOUT MT. STOP SIGNS: Joy stated that MD Jackson has a subdivision called Grasslands Park in the Grasslands area. She stated that Public Works has received inquiries from adjacent landowners about an unregulated intersection at
Quartz Mt. and Lookout Mt. Joy stated that Tom Chini had reviewed and is recommending a "T" intersection with the stop sign being on Lookout Mt. Drive.

**BOARD DIRECTION:** Commissioner Huston directed Staff to review all of Grasslands and surrounding development so all of the traffic control revisions could be done at one hearing.

**VERIZON WIRELESS:** John Nixon stated that Verizon would like to put a diesel up on a cell site purchased from Qwest. They stated on their permit application they would be adhering to Qwest's franchise obligations.

**BOARD DIRECTION:** Commissioner Huston directed Staff to prepare a work in the right of way permit for Verizon and then prepare a Notice of Public Hearing to consider the assignment of rights from Qwest to Verizon.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS/ISSUES:**

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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Director of Public Works