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; Iris Rominger, Assessor; Amy Mills, Treasurer; Mandy Weed, CDS Administrative Assistant; Darryl Piercy, Director of CDS; Allison Kimball, Assistant Director of CDS; James Hurson, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor; Scott Bradshaw, Director of Public Works; Judy Pless, Budget & Finance Manager; Marco Rains, CDS Staff Planner; Joanna Valencia, CDS Staff Planner; Randy Carbary; Public Works Department; Gene Dana, Sheriff; Jerry Pettit, Auditor; Duke Senter; Director of Computer Services; Sande DeSalles, Fair Marketing Coordinator; Megan Calais, Deputy Clerk of the Board and approximately 6 members of the public.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COUNTY EMPLOYEES

Mandy Weed, CDS Administrative Assistant, introduced Susan Barrett as their new Office Assistant.

PROCLAMATIONS - NONE

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

Commissioner Bowen moved to approve a Certificate of Appreciation to Joy Potter for her 20 years of service with Kittitas County. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Huston noted the following additions and changes to the agenda: a Levy Certification from the City of Cle Elum; Item G under Consent had been moved to Board Discussion and Decision; the Public Works Study Session minutes from November 7, 2005, was moved under Board Discussion and Decision; the addition of a report from the Homelessness Committee; and the continued public hearing to consider documents approving the 2006 County Budget. He also noted the letter of support for the Veterans
would be on the December 20, 2005 agenda. Commissioner Bowen moved to approve the agenda as amended. 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.

Chairman Huston noted the following items had been moved under Board Discussion and Decision: Department of Public Works Study Session minutes from November 7, 2005 and Item G. Commissioner Bowen moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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AGREEMENT

Acknowledgment No. 0563-84936 for Various Services with the Department of Social and Health Services, Juvenile Rehabilitation, relating to E3SHB 3900, in the amount of $25,396.00 for the period beginning July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2007.

AGREEMENT

Acknowledgment an Agreement with Crest Counseling Services and Randy Ruegseggar Polygraph Services for the provision of Special Sex Offender Disposition Alternative (SSODA) evaluation and treatment services in the amount of $9,023.00 for the period beginning July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2007.
Acknowledge a Memorandum of Understanding between the Kittitas County Sheriff’s Office and the Washington Traffic Safety Commission, for the Kittitas County Traffic Safety Corridor Project in the amount of $500.00 per month for the period beginning October 1, 2005, through September 30, 2006.

SET PUBLIC HEARING TEXT CHANGES CHAPTER 8 CDS

Approve setting a public hearing to consider the Planning Commissions recommendations for a proposed text change to Chapter 8 of the Kittitas County Code which is also known as the Zoning Code regarding grading activities, to be held on Tuesday December 20, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioner’s Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse, and to authorize the Clerk to publish said notice.

SET PUBLIC HEARING TEXT CHANGES CHAPTER 17 CDS

Approve setting a public hearing to consider the Planning Commissions recommendations for a proposed text change to Chapter 17 of the Kittitas County Code which is also known as the Zoning Code regarding accessory dwelling units and special care dwellings, to be held on Tuesday, December 20, 2005, at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioner’s Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse, and to authorize the Clerk to publish said notice.

RESOLUTION 2005-164 AWARD BID-ROTARY BOOM MOWER PUBLIC WORKS

Approve Resolution No. 2005-164 to Award a Bid to Furnish One New Heavy Duty 20’ Rotary Boom Mower in the amount of $25,340.32 to Western Power & Equipment, and to authorize the Director of Public Works to sign the contract documents.

SET PUBLIC HEARING QUARTZ MTN. DRIVE-CO. RD. SYSTEM PUBLIC WORKS

Approve setting a public hearing to consider adopting approximately 1,000’ of additional Quartz Mountain Drive and 660’ of Delta Street, both located within the Grasslands area, on to the Kittitas County Road System, to be held on Tuesday January 3, 2006, at 4:00 p.m., in the Commissioner’s Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse, and to authorize the Clerk to publish said notice.

SET PUBLIC HEARING NON-EXCL. IRRIG. FRANCHISE-UMPTANUM RD. PUBLIC WORKS

Approve setting a public hearing to consider granting a Non-Exclusive Irrigation Franchise on Umptanum Road, to be held on Tuesday January 3, 2006, at 4:00 p.m., in the Commissioner’s Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse.
Courthouse, and to authorize the Clerk to publish said notice.

SET PUBLIC HEARING  RYEGRASS FACILITY-AMERICAN ENERGY  PUBLIC WORKS

Approve setting a public hearing to consider leasing three (3) acres at the Ryegrass Facility to American Energy, Inc. to be held on Tuesday December 20, 2005, at 4:00 p.m., in the Commissioner’s Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse, and to authorize the Clerk to publish said notice.

CORRESPONDENCE

LEVY  CITY OF ELLENSBURG, CLE ELUM, KITTITAS FIRE #7 COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Bowen moved to acknowledge Ordinance No. 4421 of the City of Ellensburg Levy certification for the year 2006 according to the assessed valuation as determined in the year 2005 in the amount of $1,833,117; City of Cle Elum Levy Certification in the amount of $362,086.09 and Kittitas County Fire District #7 Levy Certification in the amount of $395,000.00. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR VETERANS – TO BE PLACED ON THE DECEMBER 20, 2005 COMMISSIONER AGENDA

ANNEXATION  CITY OF ELLENSBURG-NO. PFENNING RD.  COMMISSIONERS

The Board of County Commissioners acknowledged receipt of the Notice of Intention submitted by the City of Ellensburg, for the No. Pfenning Road Annexation BRB 05-07.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

RESOLUTION 2005-158  LEVYING TAXES – 2006  COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Bowen moved to approve Resolution No. 2005-158, for Levying Taxes for Municipal Purposes of Kittitas County for the Year 2006 According to the Assessed Valuation as Determined in the Year 2005, for a total amount of $3,175,000.00. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION 2005-159  2006 BUDGET  COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Bowen moved to approve Resolution No. 2005-159, Adopting the Budget for Kittitas County in the Total Amount of $54,697,879.00 for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2006. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
Duke Senter, Director of Computer Services, reported on the final phase of the software project for the Assessor and Treasurer’s office. He said the vendor was on location conducting the final installation of data conversion. The training should be completed by the end of the week and they will then enter into a fourteen (14) day testing period before final payment is made. Chairman Huston asked that Mr. Senter be sure the software is completely installed to his satisfaction before the fourteen day testing period begins. Iris Rominger, Assessor, said everything appeared to be going well. Amy Mills, Treasurer, reported they were trying to work out any minor problems but she was confident they were getting where they needed to go. Chairman Huston reiterated that training will not be done until the installation is totally completed and then the fourteen day clock would begin.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - NONE

BOARD DISCUSSION/DECISION ITEMS

APPOINTMENT FAIR BOARD COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Bowen moved to reappoint Heather Harrell to the Kittitas County Fair Board for a three year term ending on December 31, 2008. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

APPOINTMENT AGING & LONG TERM CARE COMMISSIONERS

Michael Livingston said he had enjoyed being on the Aging & Long Term Care Advisory Board and would like to continue serving another term. He also noted that he was recently elected to serve on the State’s Advisory Board.

Commissioner Crankovich moved to appoint Michael Livingston to the Kittitas County Aging & Long Term Care Advisory Council for a three year term ending on December 31, 2008. Commissioner Bowen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

APPOINTMENT AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Bowen moved to reappoint Debbie Strand to serve on the Airport Advisory Board, as a representative of the Economic Development Group, for a three year term expiring on December 31, 2008. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

APPOINTMENT OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Bowen moved to reappoint Larry Charlton and John Hanson to
the Kittitas County Open Space Advisory Board, each for a one year term expiring on December 31, 2006. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

APPOINTMENT
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD
COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Bowen moved appoint Joseph Sheeran to the Kittitas County Open Space Advisory Board for a one year term, effective immediately and expiring on December 31, 2006. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION 2005-160
CANCEL CLAIMS FUND WARRANT
AUDITOR

Commissioner Crankovich moved to approve Resolution No. 2005-160, Canceling Claims Fund Warrants in the total amount of $12.84 and forward the amount to the Department of Revenue as Unclaimed Property. Commissioner Bowen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

SET PUBLIC HEARING
AMEND 2005 BUDGETS
AUDITOR

Commissioner Bowen moved to set a public hearing to consider Amending the 2005 Budgets in the total amount of $2,927,421.00 to be held on Tuesday December 20, 2005, at 4:00 p.m., in the Commissioner’s Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse, Ellensburg, and to authorize the Clerk to publish said notice. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

CLOSED RECORD MEETING
ARNICA HILLS PRELIMINARY PLAT
CDS

Marco Rains, CDS Staff Planner reviewed the Arnica Hills Preliminary Plat (P-05-17) submitted by LT Ventures LLC, landowner (Dustin Pierce, Authorized Agent) for a subdivision approximately 21.07 acres into 7 lots from 3.00 to 3.02 acres in size, located North of Red Bridge Road off of Wiehl Road in Cle Elum, Washington. He said the Planning Commission held a public hearing and recommended approval 3-1 of the request with a condition of the Road Standards being met prior to final approval.

Chairman Huston questioned if the proposed condition relating to the Road Standards were to be met prior to the building or occupancy permit. Mr. Rains verified it was before an occupancy permit was to be issued. Chairman Huston said conditions are to be consistent with conditions in which were vested in at the time of application.

Chairman Huston moved to approve the Arnica Hills Preliminary Plat (P-05-07), and to delete the condition relating to Road Standards as recommended by the Planning Commission and to direct staff to prepare the enabling documents for the December 20, 2005 agenda. Commissioner
Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

CLOSED RECORD MEETING    TITUS PRELIMINARY PLAT

Marco Rains, CDS Staff Planner reviewed the Titus Preliminary Plat (P-05-20) submitted by Robert and Julie Titus, landowner (Chuck Cruse, authorized agent), for a plat subdivision of 21.64 acres into 10 lots from 2.00 to 2.38 acres each in size, located south of the Vantage Highway, north of the Kittitas Highway, within the Grasslands Community. He said the Planning Commission held a public hearing and recommended approval 4-0.

Commissioner Crankovich moved to approve the Titus Preliminary Plat (P-05-20) submitted by Robert and Julie Titus and to direct staff to prepare the enabling documents for the December 20, 2005 agenda. Commissioner Bowen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

CLOSED RECORD MEETING    O’KEEFE PRELIMINARY PLAT

Marco Rains, CDS Staff Planner reviewed the O’Keefe Preliminary Plat (P-05-19) submitted by The Henley Group LTD, landowner (Chuck Cruse, authorized agent) for a plat subdivision of 19.00 acres into 6 lots from 3.00 to 3.81 acres in size, located South of Hwy. 970 and east of Hwy. 97 off of Ranch Road. He said the Planning Commission held a public hearing and recommended approval 4-0.

Commissioner Bowen moved to approve the O’Keefe Preliminary Plat (P-05-19) submitted by The Henley Group LTD and to direct staff to prepare the enabling documents for the December 20, 2005 agenda. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

CLOSED RECORD MEETING    ANGLEMYER PRELIMINARY PLAT

Joanna Valencia, CDS Staff Planner, reviewed the Anglemyer Preliminary Plat (P-05-18) submitted by David P. Nelson, of Encompass Engineering and Surveying, authorized agent for Devin and Christine Anglemyer, landowners. The request is for a division of approximately 12.18 acres into a total of four (4) lots ranging in size from 3.01 to 3.08 acres located south of Morgan Creek Road and Grandview Road and East of Salmon La Sac Road on Morgan Creek Road, Ronald. She said the Planning Commission held a public hearing and forwarded a recommendation of approval 4-0.

Commissioner Crankovich moved to approve the Anglemyer Preliminary Plat (P-05-18) submitted by David P. Nelson of Encompass Engineering and Surveying, and to direct staff to prepare the enabling documents for the December 20, 2005 agenda. Commissioner Bowen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
RESOLUTION 2005-161 CALLAWAY SHORT PLAT (SP-05-62) CDS

Commissioner Bowen moved to approve Resolution No. 2005-161 for the Callaway Short Plat Appeal for a division of 16.51 acres into four (4) lots consisting of three 4.00 acre lots and one 4.51 acre lot located north of Westside Road on 253 Chelan Lane, Cle Elum. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

MYLARS SUNCADIA MPR PHASE 3-DIVISION 11 CDS

Commissioner Crankovich moved to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the final Mylars for the Suncadia Master Planned Resort Phase 3, Division 11. Commissioner Bowen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PERFORMANCE GUARANTY SUNCADIA MPR PHASE 3-DIVISION 11 PUBLIC WORKS

Steve Lathrop, Attorney representing Suncadia requested the Board approve a Performance Guaranty for the Master Planned Resort Phase 3, Division 11, and verified it had been signed by representatives of Suncadia and it was consistent with past practices.

Commissioner Bowen moved to approve and authorize the Chair to sign a Performance Guaranty for Suncadia Master Planned Resort, Phase 3 – Division 11, in the amount of $1,912,800.00. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board directed Public Works to place the general discussion of Performance Guarantees on their next Study Session with the Board of County Commissioners.

RESOLUTION 2005-162 SUNCADIA PHASE 2-DIVISION 2 CDS

Commissioner Bowen moved to approve a Resolution No. 2005-162, Approving the General Site Plan for Phase 2, Division 2, of the Suncadia Master Planned Resort. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

AGREEMENT EASTSIDE CONSULTANTS, INC. PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner Crankovich moved to approve a Supplemental Agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation with Eastside Consultants, Inc. for an additional $2,971.25 for the H.E.S.P.P. for White, Faust & Alford Road project. Commissioner Bowen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS FRANCHISE PUBLIC WORKS

At approximately 2:46 p.m. Chairman Huston opened the continued public
hearing to consider granting a Franchise with Falcon Video Communications L.P. d/b/a Charter Communications for a county-wide television franchise, noting the record was closed.

Scott Bradshaw, Director of Public Works, said the agreement was still under review and was not available at the current time. James Hurson, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor, said the document would be available for Board review and approval for the December 20, 2005 agenda.

Commissioner Bowen moved to continue the public hearing to Tuesday, December 20, 2005, at 2:00 p.m., in the Commissioner’s Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse, noting the record was closed. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES STUDY SESSION/PUBLIC WORKS 11-7-05 PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner Crankovich moved to amend the Study Session minutes from November 7, 2005, with the Department of Public Works, changing his concerns from “Kachess Lake Road Sno-Park” to “Salmon La Sac Road”. Commissioner Bowen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Crankovich moved to approve the amended minutes from the Department of Public Works Study Session from November 7, 2005. Commissioner Bowen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION 2005-163 RESOURCE LANDS CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE CDS


APPOINTMENTS RESOURCE LANDS CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE CDS

Commissioner Crankovich moved to appoint the following to the Resource Lands Citizen Advisory Committee: Patrick Deneen, Jeff R. Jones, Tim Engstrom, Fritz Glover, Charles T. Weidenbach, David Gerth, Jerry T. Martens, Karen Poulsen and Scott Nicolai. Commissioner Bowen seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The Board of County Commissioners expressed their appreciation to those who offered to volunteer serving on the committee.

REPORT HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE COMMISSIONERS

M. Scott Williams, Facilitator for the Kittitas County Homelessness Housing Assistance Committee presented a copy of the Kittitas County 10-Year Homeless Housing initial draft. He said the committee was
recommending that the Board of County Commissioners adopt the plan as an initial step toward reducing the number of homeless people in Kittitas County by fifty (50) percent by the year 2015, as required by SHB 2163. The committee also recommended appointing HopeSource to conduct a point-in-time county-wide census of homeless persons on January 26, 2006, and that not more than $4,020.00 of funds collected from the recording fees required from SHB 2163 be allocated for this purpose and payable as expenses are incurred.

Chairman Huston suggested the Board accept delivery of the report and set over any discussion and decisions until December 20, 2005, at 2:00 p.m., during their agenda session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 3:00 p.m., Chairman Huston announced the Board would recess into an Executive Session for approximately 10 minutes relating to a personnel issue, and he anticipated action at the conclusion.

At 3:05 p.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session.

Commissioner Crankovich moved to accept the withdrawal of two grievances submitted by Lorna Kenny on June 28, 2005 and July 22, 2005, as stated in a letter from Don Boxford dated November 22, 2005. Commissioner Bowen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Huston announced there would be another Executive Session following the public hearing scheduled for 4:00 p.m., and recommended the Board continue the agenda session that time. Commissioner Bowen moved to continue the agenda session following the public hearing scheduled for 4:00 p.m., in the Commissioner’s Auditorium, for purposes of an Executive Session relating to pending litigation. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

At 4:18 p.m., the Board reconvened into the Agenda Session. Chairman Huston announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for approximately 10 minutes regarding pending litigation, and he did not anticipate any action following by the Board.

At 4:35 p.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Bowen moved to adjourn at 4:35 p.m. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.