CALL TO ORDER

Julie Kjorsvik, the Clerk of the Board called the meeting to order.

NOMINATIONS OF CHAIR & VICE-CHAIR FOR 2006

Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board asked for nominations for Chairman of the Board for the year 2006.

Commissioner Huston nominated Commissioner Bowen to serve as Chairman for 2006. Commissioner Crankovich seconded the nomination. Nominations were closed. A unanimous ballot was cast for Commissioner Bowen to serve as Chairman for the year 2006.

Chairman Bowen asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman for the year 2006. Commissioner Huston nominated Commissioner Crankovich to serve as Vice-Chairman. Chairman Bowen seconded the nomination. Nominations were closed. A unanimous ballot was cast for Commissioner Crankovich to serve as Vice-Chairman for the year 2006.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COUNTY EMPLOYEES

Allison Kimball, Community Development Services Assistant Director, introduced Noah Goodrich, as their new Planner I.

Nancy Goodloe, Public Health Administrator, introduced Cathy Bambrick as their new Environmental Health Office Manager; Dacia Carver,
Environmental Health Specialist II; and Melissa Schumaier Environmental Health Specialist.

Patti Johnson, Solid Waste Director, introduced Phillip Martinez as their new Solid Waste Specialist.

**PROCLAMATIONS - NONE**

**AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS**

The Kittitas County Board of Commissioners presented Violet Burke a Certificate of Appreciation for over 20 years of generous service on the Kittitas County Weed District #5 and the Weed Control Board.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairman Bowen acknowledged that Item C under the Consent Agenda had been moved to Item G under Board Discussion & Decision. A Declaration of Emergency from Solid Waste had been added to Administrative Matters, as well as a letter from Clerk of the Board, Julie Kjorsvik, under Correspondence.

Commissioner Huston 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.

Commissioner Huston moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended, noting Item C had been moved to Item G under Board Discussion & Decision. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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**RESOLUTION 2006-04 REVIEWING WAGES HUMAN RESOURCES**

Approve Resolution No. 2006-04, In the Matter of Reviewing Wages for Employees, approving the Board, at is discretion, to make salary/wage rate and benefit payments retroactive to January 1, 2006 for all affected employees.

**REQUEST TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TRAVEL POLICY – REIMBURSEMENT RATES – ITEM MOVED TO BOARD DISCUSSION & DECISION**

**RESOLUTION 2006-05 SECTION 457 DEFERRED COMP. HUMAN RESOURCES**

Approve Resolution No. 2006-05, In the Matter of Adopting an Amended and Restated Employer’s Section 457, Deferred Compensation Plan Administered by Nationwide Retirement Solutions, effective January 1, 2006.
Approve setting a Closed Record Hearing for 2:00 p.m. Tuesday January 17, 2006 in the Commissioner’s Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse, to consider the Hamberline Rezone, a zone change of approximately 6.26 acres Rural-3 to Highway Commercial.

Approve setting a Closed Record Hearing for 2:00 p.m. Tuesday January 17, 2006 in the Commissioner’s Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse, to consider the Hruby Rezone, a zone change of approximately 13.98 acres from Agriculture-20 to Rural-3, located South of Red Bridge Road and North of State Route 970, Cle Elum.

Approve setting a Closed Record Hearing for 2:00 p.m. Tuesday January 17, 2006 in the Commissioner’s Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse, to consider the Bullfrog Rezone, a zone change of approximately 35.41 acres from Forest and Range-20 to Rural-3, located North of Interstate 90 and West of Bullfrog Road, on Plum Creek Road, Cle Elum.

Approve setting a Closed Record Hearing for 2:00 p.m. Tuesday January 17, 2006 in the Commissioner’s Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse, to consider the Beiter Rezone, a zone change of 68.89 acres from Commercial Agriculture to Agriculture-20, located West of Vanderbilt Road and East of Payne Road, Ellensburg.

Approve setting a Closed Record Hearing for 2:00 p.m. Tuesday January 17, 2006 in the Commissioner’s Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse, to consider the Whitelaw Rezone, a zone change of 21 acres from Forest and Range to Rural 3, located North of the city of Cle Elum between Creekside Road and Game Trail Road, Cle Elum.

Approve setting a Closed Record Meeting for 2:00 p.m. Tuesday January 17, 2006 in the Commissioner’s Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse, to consider the Bishop Preliminary Plat, a plat subdivision of approximately 24 acres into 8 lots all 3.00 acres in size, located East of S. Cle Elum Ridge Road and West of Hidden Springs Road, South Cle Elum.
Approve setting a Closed Record Meeting for 2:00 p.m. Tuesday January 17, 2006 in the Commissioner’s Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse, to consider the Tillman Estates Preliminary Plat, a plat subdivision of 21 acres into 7 lots all 3.00 acres in size, located East of S. Cle Elum Ridge Road and West of Hidden Springs Road, South Cle Elum.

Approve setting a Closed Record Meeting for 2:00 p.m. Tuesday January 17, 2006 in the Commissioner’s Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse, to consider the Brown Preliminary Plat, a plat subdivision of 21.65 acres into 7 lots ranging in size from 3.05 to 3.14 acres, located East of S. Cle Elum Ridge Road (Forest Service 3350 Road) and West of Hidden Springs Road, South Cle Elum.

Approve setting a Closed Record Meeting for 2:00 p.m. Tuesday January 17, 2006 in the Commissioner’s Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse, to consider the Birdsong Meadows Preliminary Plat, a plat subdivision of 21 acres into 7 lots all 3.00 acres in size, located East of S. Cle Elum Ridge Road (Forest Service 3350 Road) and West of Hidden Springs Road, S. Cle Elum.

Approve setting a Closed Record Meeting for 2:00 p.m. Tuesday January 17, 2006 in the Commissioner’s Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse, to consider the Lipo Preliminary Plat, a plat subdivision of 21.73 acres into six 3.00 acres each and one at 3.73 acres, located South of Hwy. 970 and Northwest of Ranch Road.

Commissioner Huston moved to endorse a letter from Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board, to Darryl Piercy, Director of Community Development Services, expressing appreciation to him and his staff for following the agenda preparation process, especially at times when submitting large amounts of paperwork. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Patti Johnson, Director of Solid Waste, reported Ryegrass Leachate Collection System had failed. The holding tank and pumping system was not affectively keeping up with the amount of leachate coming into the system.
tank from the landfill and was discharging through the over flow to the ground. She said she had contacted MRM Construction to find the cause of the failure, and they determined the pump was working properly, but the problem was in the 2,500 feet of buried line to the lagoon. She said in accordance with post closure plan, she contacted the Health Department and the informed them of the failure. She requested the Board approve a Declaration of Emergency for the Ryegrass Facility.

RESOLUTION 2006-01 DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY/LEACHATE SOLID WASTE

Commissioner Crankovich moved to approve Resolution No. 2006-01, Declaring an Emergency Related to the Failed Leachate Collection and Pumping System. Commissioner Huston seconded.

Commissioner Huston moved to amend Resolution 2006-01, by inserting language that the competitive bidding requirements are waived. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion approving Resolution No. 2006-01, as amended. Motion carried 3-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - NONE

BOARD DISCUSSION & DECISION ITEMS

CONTRACT HOPESOURCE - HOMELESS CENSUS PROSECUTOR

Commissioner Huston moved to approve a Contract for Services between Kittitas County and HopeSource, in the amount of $4,020.00, for conducting a county-wide homeless census on January 26, 2006, and to prepare and present to the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners, a report/spreadsheet showing data gathered by the census, to be completed by February 28, 2006. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

CHANGE ORDER #1 HART INTERCIVIC-VOTING MACHINES AUDITOR

Commissioner Huston moved to acknowledge the signature of Jerry Pettit, Auditor, on the Change Order Number 1, with Hart Intercivic, for voting equipment for voters with disabilities. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING KV WIND POWER PROJECT CDS

Commissioner Crankovich moved to acknowledge a Notice of Public Hearing setting the joint public hearing with the Kittitas County Planning Commission and the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners, to consider the Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project Z-2005-22, submitted by Sagebrush Power Partners, LLC for siting of a maximum of 80 wind turbines and

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associated facilities at a site located approximately 12 miles northwest of the City of Ellensburg, to be held on Tuesday January 10, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at the Kittitas County Events Center, Home Arts Building, 512 N. Poplar, Ellensburg. Commissioner Huston seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING AMEND TITLE 17-ACCESSORY DWELLINGS CDS

The continued public hearing (from December 20, 2005) was opened to consider enabling documents for Amendments to the Kittitas County Code Title 17 to Allow for Accessory Dwelling Units, Accessory Dwelling Units, Accessory Living Quarters and Special Care Dwellings.

Darryl Piercy, Director of Community Development Services, requested that the Board continue the hearing to allow the Prosecutor to further review the document, and to add additional exhibits to the Ordinance for further clarification of the issues.

Chairman Bowen moved to continue the public hearing to 2:00 p.m. Tuesday January 17, 2006, in the Commissioner’s Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse, noting the record would remain closed. Commissioner Huston seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

CLOSED RECORD MEETING APPLE TREE PLAT & REZONE CDS

Joanna Valencia, Staff Planner, reviewed the Apple Tree application for a 9-lot Plat and Rezone, from Wayne Nelson, Nelsen Development Group, on behalf of Wenatchee Junction LLC, on 27 acres of land that is split zoned Rural-3 and Forest and Range. The request for a zone change from Forest & Range to Rural-3 on approximately 9 acres is to bring the single parcel with split zoning into one single zoning of Rural-3. The property is located South of Hidden Springs Road and Southeast of Graham Road. She said a SEPA Mitigation Determination of Non-Significance was issued by their department of October 7, 2005. The Planning Commission held a public hearing and recommended approval of the rezone and preliminary plat.

Commissioner Huston moved to approve the Apple Tree rezone request, for a change from Forest and Range to Rural-3, on approximately 9 acres, located South of Hidden Springs Road and Southeast of Graham Road, Kittitas County. Commissioner Crankovich seconded.

Commissioner Huston felt the Rural-3 zone is consistent with the County’s Comprehensive Plan, and public comment had been taken. He felt the County has done what is necessary to safeguard the public. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Huston moved to grant approval for the Apple Tree Preliminary Plat, for a 9-lot plat on 27 acres of land, from Forest and...
Range to Rural-3, bringing the single parcel with split zoning into one single zoning of Rural-3. Commissioner Crankovich seconded.

Commissioner Huston felt the request was consistent with the rural designation. He said before the final plat has been approved, the road issues will have to be dealt with. Commissioner Crankovich noted the increased requests for uses of Forest Service Roads. He expressed concern of the perception of restricting access, noting that public access is the key. Commissioner Huston said private maintenance of Federal roads make for some challenges and he wants to ensure that solutions are in place. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Bowen moved to continue the closed record hearing and direct staff to prepare enabling documents for the January 17, 2006 Agenda at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioner’s Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**APPOINTMENTS**

The Board acknowledged the Commissioner Committees for the year 2006.

**RESOLUTION 2006-02**

Commissioner Crankovich moved to approve Resolution No. 2006-02, Amending Kittitas County’s Travel Policy, establishing reimbursement rates for employees who travel on county business, effective January 1, 2006. Commissioner Huston seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Crankovich moved to adjourn at 2:50 p.m. Commissioner Huston seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.