DATE: 1-30-06

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairman David Bowen, Vice Chairman Alan Crankovich

CDS STAFF PRESENT: Director Darryl Piercy, Assistant Director Allison Kimball, Administrative Assistant Mandy Weed

OTHERS PRESENT: Nancy Goodloe, Scott Bradshaw, Jim Hurson

TOPIC:

1. Comp Plan Update
2. Resource Lands Advisory Committee
3. BLA/Admin SEGS
4. Public Utility Buildings
5. KITTCOM Contract
6. Commercial Fire Safety Inspection Program
7. Other
8. Other

DISCUSSION:

1. Piercy stated that the Comp Plan update in regards to the CTED contract will be appearing on the regular BOCC agenda. CTED has finally gotten text errors changed from GOG to Kittitas County. It has taken almost 3 months to get this fixed. Piercy handed out a draft copy of the grant for the amount of $75,000. CDS has its first request in for $25,000 and then two more requests for amounts of $25,000 will happen before the end of the fiscal year. Piercy stated that we can finally start getting reimbursed.

2. Piercy stated that the process with the Resource Lands Advisory Committee has started and will be reimbursable through the CTED grant and the first meeting took place last week. Piercy questioned if they want to fill the current vacancy due to Tim Engstrom moving out of the area. Commissioner Bowen said to bring it to them if someone expresses interest. Piercy stated that the first meeting went very well; they set goals and went over the overall process. He stated that in general our Comp Plan is a good viable document and we aren’t having to start over from scratch. Next meeting will be January 31, 2006 and the focus will be what specific issues they want to address. Each week they will go thru a different topic and then the last 2 weeks for a wrap up.

3. Piercy stated that he just wanted to clarify that BLA/SEGS did not need to go thru the same public process as plats and/or short plats. He stated that our code makes it very clear that there is no expectation for a public notice. Commissioner Bowen said that he believes that we are doing it correctly and that it is just a desk top process. Commissioner Bowen asked Piercy to confirm this with Commissioner Huston that this is
correct as he wasn’t able to attend today.

4. Piercy stated we had a request last week from PSE to relocate their maintenance facility and it could be a possibility depending on the interpretation of our code. Piercy asked the commissioners what their interpretation of the code is in regards to Public Utility Buildings and their understanding of it. Hurson stated that this is also stated in other parts of the code. Commissioner Crankovich said he would like to keep it restricted and not make it too broad and general. Scott said that it sounds like we are keeping our bases covered as far as allowed use/needs for PSE. Piercy stated that we do not have anything in our code that specifically says anything about a maintenance facility. Commissioner Bowen said that if we go ahead and say this is what we meant and then someone else comes in and wants to do it, he wonders if we would be opening up a big can of worms. Commissioner Bowen also stated that he would be inclined to have them apply for a building permit based on the code. Piercy stated that they could use the two year temporary permit and then convert it to a permanent use due to the sub area revision; it might be a good middle ground for compromise. Hurson said that we need to provide them with a statement saying it is consistent with our land use policies and they would probably be happy with that. Piercy asked what the counties exposure would be. Hurson stated that it leads down the path of giving EFSEC control and it is just a matter of how much control we want to turn over to them. Piercy said if we say we applied the code and this is how we arrived at this decision then it would be less dangerous then denying the request. Hurson said that we could make it generic. Commissioner Bowen asked what the building is. Piercy said three or four office spaces and a place to bring stuff to work on and store wind turbine parts; items to support the operation. Piercy also stated that this was also included in the original application; it was just in a different location. Commissioner Crankovich said that he is concerned because we have been trying to keep things really tight and now there is this hole. Piercy said that we also can condition the building permit to keep it under control, and we could invoke SEPA which would really limit the scope. Commissioner Crankovich said that we need to address the code to tighten it up and think about placing a size restriction.

5. Piercy stated that we need to provide this service whether we had a contract or not. We will get a lump sum of $10,000 for services. Just a matter of formalizing the agreement and will be on the agenda February 7, 2006.

6. Piercy stated that one of the goals for 2005 was for a Commercial Fire Safety Inspection Program. We have only performed these on a very rare occasion. We are currently in the process of getting this all set up and would like to start mid to late February of 2006 with a self-compliance approach to educate people. Piercy stated that this will also help businesses with insurance rates by showing the insurance company that they are compliant with fire safety. It will also allow us to work with other fire officials. Piercy stated that if do this correctly over the next five to ten years, we could then turn it over to the local fire districts once the program is in place. We are taking a proactive approach. Commissioner Crankovich and Bowen said that it looks good to them.
Nancy stated that the Sheriff’s office may also have maps of these buildings. Hurson stated that the Assessor’s office may also have something. Commissioner Bowen also asked how the integration is going with Environmental Health and Community Development Services. Nancy said that the only others things lingering have to due with additional billing and permit renewal. Piercy said we just need to know the information of what we need to do and we will get started as long as we know what the expectations are.

7. Piercy said that we have a request from MD Jackson for three self contained trailers to have allowable use in the county for a concrete. Hurson said that some zonings allow for temporary use of gravel/asphalt plants and if this is something that we want to allow, then we need to amend our code.

8. Nancy questioned if a CUP is needed for street sweepings for John Gerard. She said that if he needs to have a CUP, she wants to be able to tell him why. Piercy stated that we will need clarification it is clean in order for him to be able to put it on his own driveway. However, if he wants to sell it commercially that would require a CUP. Also, the material needs to be tested to make sure that it is clean. Hurson said that a solid waste plan will be Gerard’s biggest obstacle.

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