STUDY SESSION MINUTES
August 28, 2006

THOSE PRESENT: Alan Crankovich, David Bowen, Perry Huston, Patti Johnson (DPW), Randy Carbary (DPW), Jan Ollivier (DPW), Kelly Bostick (DPW)

GUESTS PRESENT: Chad Bala, Chris Cruse, Steve Prue, Pat Deneen

EASEMENTS: BLA’S AND ADMINISTRATIVE SEGREGATIONS: Patti Johnson (DPW) stated that there were some questions on when improvements were required on BLA’s and Administrative Segregations. Chris Cruse explained that he is not seeing in the Road Standards were it requires improvements prior to lot creation. Cruse and Associates have a few clients that would like to create the parcels without doing the road improvements. Chris Cruse stated that he is reading that the improvements need to be done once triggered by the Building Permit, but not by the Seg./BLA’s. Pat Deneen stated that there are obviously different understandings of the way the Standards read and this issue needs to be clarified. Chris Cruse asked if Public Works needed something from them to start this research. Randy Carbary (DPW) asked for something in writing.

Board Direction: BOCC directed staff to double check the Standards and if it is not in them then we need to amend the Standards.

CITY OF ELLENSBURG GAS LINE: Patti Johnson (DPW) stated that the City of Ellensburg has started looking into a possible extension to the City of Ellensburg’s Gas Line. The Possible location would travel up Look Road with a possible easement across the Airport Property on the North East End. Most of this work falls under the County’s Work in the Right of Way permit. BOCC stated to limit the impact on the Airport.

Board Direction: No Board Direction.
PERSONNEL ISSUE – STAFFING: Jan Ollivier explained that Public Works would like to create another Planner II position parallel to Randy Carbary’s position. This position would assist with: Comp. Plan updates that have not been dealt with for quite some time, work with the Cities in regards to extensions of County Roads with City Roads and Traffic Analysis’s. Commissioner David Bowen asked if Public Works had looked into any other solutions. Patti Johnson (DPW) stated that Public Works had hired a Temporary Employee hoping this would take some weight off of Randy Carbary, but it has turned out that Randy is still having to check over everything a couple times and has not proven to be efficient. An equal employee to Randy’s position would be a better solution. Commissioner Perry Huston stated that this new position needs to improve our process. Improvements on comments need to be noticeable.

Board Direction: BOCC approved staff to advertise for new position.

Additional Issues

ALLIANCE ROAD: Commissioner Crankovich wanted to make sure that Alliance Road and especially were coal mine crosses, is being brought up to standards and has a decent grade. Asked for Staff to check into the project.

Board Direction: BOCC directed staff to check in on the project.

Bowers Road: Commissioner Huston asked if Ron Mitchell of Mid State Aviation is able to get to his parking lot yet. Patti Johnson (DPW) stated that they are able to get to their parking lot and that Public Works has addressed a couple of issues with the Contractors and they should be resolved.

Board Direction: No Board Direction

BENDER ROAD: Commissioner Huston stated that the Ellensburg School District is looking at purchasing property on the West Side of Reecer Creek at the Intersection with Bender. If this is approved by the voters, the School District Transportation Planning would like to look at a possible extension of Bender Road. They believe there will be a significant increase in traffic and would like to meet with the county on these issues.
FOWLER CREEK: Commissioner Perry Huston asked where we are at with Burchak’s and the amount of Right – of – way that the County actually has. Patti Johnson (DPW) stated that there is document of the County being given road but no documents stating original width. Commissioner Huston stated that we need to find out what we actually have. Get that Right – of – Way recorded and then deal with the additional amount of Right – of - Way needed. Patti Johnson (DPW) stated that all of the old Documents state from Hill to Fence, which when measured is forty foot. Patti Johnson (DPW) also explained that to put a road in, we will have to improve sight distance by straightening out some curves and cutting into the Hill side in some spots. There is also the issue of the Intersection location.

Board Direction: No Board Direction

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Patti Johnson
Interim Public Works Director