Board members present: Vice-Chairman Commissioner Alan Crankovich and Commissioner Perry Huston. Excused absence: Chairman David Bowen.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Patti Johnson, Interim Public Works Director; Kelly Carlson, Public Works Administrative Assistant; Jan Ollivier, Public Works Department Transportation Manager; and 7 members of the public.

At approximately 4:00 p.m. VICE-CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH opened a public hearing to consider two private hangar ground leases located at the Kittitas County Airport, Bowers Field, located in Township 18 N, Range 18 E, Section 24, W.M., containing approximately 6868.55 square feet.

KELLY CARLSON, PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/AIRPORT MANAGER gave a staff report. She reviewed two separate proposed lease addendums between Kittitas County and David Ratcliff and Paul MacMichael for land located at the Bowers Field Airport within the Aeronautical Area. She explained the rental rates were adjusted as well as the addition to the Fire Protection.

THERE BEING NO ONE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

COMMISSIONER HUSTON moved to approve Lease Addendum Agreements between Kittitas County and David Ratcliff, from August 1, 2006 through July 31, 2011 and between Kittitas County and Paul MacMichael for a period beginning August 1, 2006 through July 31, 2011. COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

At approximately 4:03 p.m. VICE-CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH opened a public hearing to consider granting a Non-Exclusive Irrigation Franchise on Thrall Road near the intersection of Thrall Road and Clemans Road.
PATTI JOHNSON, INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR reviewed a request they received from Thomas Dodge for a Non-Exclusive Irrigation Franchise for approximately 2,700 LF West of the Thrall Road and Cleman Road intersection. He was planning to change their irrigation delivery system to a closed gravity system. There is an old existing irrigation cross pipe that is being proposed to use it as a sleeve to carry the new line.

THERE BEING NO ONE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC TESTIMONY PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE      THOMAS DODGE      PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner Huston moved to approve a Non-Exclusive Irrigation Franchise to Use County Roads, Rights-of-Way and other County Property within Kittitas County, with Thomas Dodge, for Tax Parcel No. 17-19-26000-0043. Commissioner Crankovich seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

PUBLIC HEARING    VACATE PORTION OF BURKE ROAD      PUBLIC WORKS

At approximately 4:05 p.m. VICE-CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH opened a public hearing to consider a vacation of a portion of Burke Road right-of-way located in Section 28 of Township 20 N, Range 17E.

JAN OLLIVIER, PUBLIC WORKS TRANSPORTATION MANAGER explained the Public Works Department received a request from The Ranch on Swauk Creek LLC, to vacate a portion of Burke Road right-of-way from Milepost 0.46 to Milepost 0.66. The total acreage of the right-of-way is approximately 1.53 acres and valued at $7,500.00 per acre (per the Kittitas County Assessor), for a total amount of $11,475.00. She recommended the Board vacate a portion of the Burke Road right-of-way and to require the developer to construct a new 110 feet diameter cul de sac for Burke Road and dedicate the county’s right-of-way from the petitioner. She noted two letters received from Lila Hanson and Brad & Cheryl Bogart and entered them into the record.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: FRED CHAPMAN urged the Board to deny the request to vacate the portion of Burke Road. He felt the traffic that would go by his home would be dangerous. PAT DENEEN explained he owned property on both sides of the road, as well as property to the south. He said he had discussed access to Hwy. 970 with the State Department of Traffic, but they indicated it would not be possible. If the County vacated the portion as requested, it would result in reducing the amount of snow plowing done by the County. LILA HANSON entered a photograph of the area into the record. She referenced a letter dated September 5, 2006 with questions and
concerns of the proposed road including who would maintain the turnaround, who would be responsible for weed control, would there eventually be a gated entrance and could it create a line-up of cars seeking to enter, would headlights from vehicles using the turnaround “sweep” over properties and what could be done to mitigate that. **CHAD BALA, TERRA DESIGN GROUP** said he had previously talked with Lila Hanson and met with Fred Chapman last week, and tried to address their concerns. He said it would be the responsibility of the County to maintain the turnaround and through their development proposal, they intend to do landscape for any lighting issues. They have been in compliance with the County Weed Board relating to weed control, which has been taken care of; they do not know if it will be gated or not because they are still in the design stage. **THERE BEING NO ADDITIONAL PUBLIC REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**VICE-CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** questioned how much of the gas tax dollars the County receives would be affected if the request was approved. **MS. OLLIVIER** it would be a very small impact, but was unsure of the actual amount. **COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** asked about the potential increase in traffic. **MS. OLLIVIER** said she did not have traffic figures available for the new development. **MR. DENEEN** said their current project application and the Department of Transportation study is currently being done of future impacts.

**MR. DENEEN** explained that he owned all property beyond the point in question and at least for an additional 2 miles, so there is no need for people to go back there. He wanted to obtain the road from the County and then curve the road, so it slows people down because it is fairly straight right now and people would intend to speed if it were left that way. He said the long term cost to maintain the road would be on them. There is a current cul de sac on their property and a new one would be placed further down, still on their property. **PATTI JOHNSON, INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT** said by their research, no one accesses off the proposed vacation because it is owned by Pat Deneen and he has no plans on extending the County road.

**VICE-CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** reopened the public portion of the hearing and asked for any additional testimony. **THERE BEING NO ONE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**COMMISSIONER HUSTON** explained the portion that was being requested to be vacated, serves one person and its vacation does not take away any one else’s access. He said he understands the concerns expressed relating to the traffic, but felt it was for a different discussion. He found no reason not to deny the request, claiming that staff had verified there are no future plans for the County’s...
use. He said it was a different discussion when an application is filed for subsequent plans.

COMMISSIONER HUSTON moved to approve the request and to direct staff to prepare the enabling documents. COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH seconded.

COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH said regardless of who owns the road, any future development is for a different discussion once a proposal comes forward. MS. OLLIVIER reviewed the Statement of Value provided by the County Assessor and said she did not have any objection to it. It was noted that one of the provisions was that a new cul de sac must be completed prior to the old one being decommissioned.

Motion carried 2-0.

COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH moved to continue the public hearing to Thursday October 5, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse, to consider enabling documents, noting the record is closed. COMMISSIONER HUSTON seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

PUBLIC HEARING BURKE ROAD SPEED LIMIT PUBLIC WORKS

At approximately 4:47 p.m. VICE-CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH opened a public hearing to consider the reduction of speed on Burke Road, Kittitas County, Washington.

JAN OLLIVIER, PUBLIC WORKS TRANSPORTATION MANAGER reviewed a request their department received to reduce the speed limit to 25 mph on Burke Road. She said a traffic study had been conducted and based on the road type, maintenance vehicle speeds, number of vehicles and collisions, she recommended keeping the established speed limit at 35 mph. She submitted a written comment into the record dated August 29, 2006 from Brad and Cheryl Bogart.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: LILA HANSON favored the proposed speed reduction and did not know what the advantage of keeping it 35 mph would be, since it’s a very short road. FRED CHAPMAN said the speed count was taken in front of his property and was concerned of the downgrade, where people pick up the speed and worried people would eventually get hurt. He felt once future development has occurred, he would like to see it reduced even more at that time. PAT DENEEN said Public Works did a great job getting their work done. He indicated the road would eventually be realigned with a curve, to assist in slowing down vehicles. He said he would also be putting up signs on the road himself. He supported a speed limit of 25 mph.
THERE BEING NO OTHERS REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH moved to reduce speed limit on Burke Road, establishing a speed zone of 25 mph and direct staff prepare enabling documents. COMMISSIONER HUSTON seconded.

COMMISSIONER HUSTON felt the Public Works staff did what they were supposed to do while applying the industry standards, and that their recommendation of keeping the speed limit at 35 mph was not unreasonable. However, he felt in this particular case, the road does not go anywhere other than to a few people. He said if it becomes an enforcement issue, the residents need to communicate with the Sheriff’s office. COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH was in favor of the request, based on historical knowledge and working on the Public Works road crew. Motion carried 2-0.

COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH moved to continue the public hearing to Thursday October 5, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. to consider enabling documents, noting the record was closed. COMMISSIONER HUSTON seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

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Julie A. Kjorsvik
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