COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS AUDITORIUM
SPECIAL MEETING

MONDAY 1:30 P.M SEPTEMBER 11, 2006

Board members present: Chairman David Bowen; Vice-Chairman Alan Crankovich; Commissioner Perry Huston.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Patti Johnson, Interim Public Works Director; Kelly Carlson, Public Works Administrative Assistant & Airport Manager; Jan Ollivier, Public Works Transportation Manager and 3 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING SILVERTON ROAD-COUNTY SYSTEM PUBLIC WORKS

At approximately 1:38 p.m. CHAIRMAN BOWEN opened the public hearing continued from August 29, 2006, to consider adopting Silverton Road on to the County Maintenance System.

JAN OLLIVIER, PUBLIC WORKS TRANSPORTATION MANAGER reviewed a supplement to the Engineer’s Report dated September 7, 2006. She also reviewed the applicable Road Standards that were in place on March 16, 1999, which included the standards for rural local access and private roads.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: STEVE LATHROP, REPRESENTING THE APPLICANT explained that the “High Valley Ranchettes” Plat as referenced by staff during their presentation, does not have anything to do with the request for Silverton Road to be on the County road system, and wanted the Board to be sure they understood that. He distributed copies of correspondence and reviewed them including a letter from Neil White, Staff Planner for the Kittitas County, with conditions for the High Valley Short Plat. He explained that in early 1995, Greg Gifford’s position (then Public Works Director) was that he wanted an extension of Silverton Road, south of the section, and never asked for more than 30 feet of right-of-way, and said the additional 30 feet would come from the other property once it had been developed. He referenced a cost estimate for construction of the road from Trepanier Engineering in the amount of $56,860.00. He said that in no place within the plat, did it state that Silverton Road needed a cul-de-sac. He said the bottom line was, that there was a deal made with the developer for a project over 11 years ago, and things back then were different. If a mistake was made, it had never come up before and he felt it was unfair for the developer to impose rules that were passed later on.
He said the documentation is clear and that Public Works was on the record, stating several times a list of items that needed to be completed to accept the road onto the County system, and the subject of a cul-de-sac never came up. **THERE BEING NO ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY THE PUBLIC POTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**PATTI JOHNSON** said it had been brought to her attention that the signage on Silverton Road had not been done nor a speed limit had been established.

**CHAIRMAN BOWEN** explained that he agreed with the Public Works Department’s analysis, and they did what they were directed to do, but after reading through the correspondence that was done years ago, he felt the developers were doing what they were required to do. He said staff would need to obtain the appropriate rights-of-way when property eventually develops to the west. **COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** did not view it as a viable part of the transportation grid. He said there are many others throughout the County that are questionable and create difficulties relating to performing maintenance. He felt the County would not be gaining anything by granting the request and questioned if the County has an obligation to do so? **COMMISSIONER HUSTON** explained it seemed like it was always predisposition, and although it may not be a good policy now it was what was in place at the time. He said at least the County has a right-of-way and at this point, he did not feel that by erasing history, it would do a lot of good. He was inclined to honor the “deal” if that’s what was done back then. There was nothing in record to convince him to go against what had happened.

**COMMISSIONER HUSTON** moved to direct staff to prepare enabling documents to take Silverton Road on to the County Road System. **CHAIRMAN BOWEN** seconded.

**COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** felt the County would not be gaining anything by approving the request. **COMMISSIONER HUSTON** said it was a process that was in place at the time, and he would honor the law at that time.

Motion carried 2-1. **COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** voted against the motion.

**MR. LATHROP** indicated that the Interim Public Works Director and the property owner would get together and discuss the speed and signage.

**COMMISSIONER HUSTON** moved to continue the public hearing to Thursday October 5, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioner’s Auditorium, Room 109, Kittitas County Courthouse. **COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

Julie A. Kjoekvik

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David B. Bowen, Chairman

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