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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Jan Ollivier, Transportation Manager; Brandon Drexler, Public Works Director; and approximately 20 members of the public.

**PUBLIC HEARING  OPEN SPACE TIMBER - ANGELINI & HODSON COMMISSIONERS**

At approximately 4:10 p.m. **CHAIRMAN BOWEN** opened a public hearing to consider a request from Darro Angelini and Joy Hodgson for Reclassification as Open Space Timber Land for Current Use Tax Assessment under the Open Space Taxation Act for Tax Parcel Number 20-16-34040-0003.

**MANDY ROBINSON, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD** recognized a letter from Mr. Phil Hess, Consulting Forester, who had prepared the Forest Management Plan, confirming the application and property qualified for Open Space Timber classification, meeting the requirements of RCW 84.34 and Board of County Commissioners Resolution No. 94-25. **THERE BEING NO ONE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** moved to approve the Open Space Timber application from Darro Angelini and Joy Hodgson for Current Use Tax Assessment under the Open Space Taxation Act for Tax Parcel Number 20-16-34040-0003 and to authorize the Chair to sign an Agreement. **COMMISSIONER HUSTON** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING  CWU/GLADMARK PARK COMMISSIONERS**

At approximately 4:13 p.m. **CHAIRMAN BOWEN** opened a public hearing to consider an Interlocal Agreement with Central Washington University for the use of Gladmar Park as a natural science research area.

**JILL ARANGO, KITTITAS COUNTY CONSERVATION DIRECTOR, REPRESENTING THE CASCADE LAND CONSERVANCY** gave a power point presentation on a proposal to use Gladmark Park as a “Living Laboratory” and to
They proposed a 50-year Interagency Agreement with the County. She reviewed the history of Gladmar Park, which had been purchased by the Washington State Department of Transportation in 1965 and transferred to Kittitas County in 1972 which was then developed into a park in 1978. In 1996, the Yakima River flood destroyed the infrastructure and is currently in the early stages of ecological recovery and inaccessible to the general public. She reviewed the key elements of the proposed Interagency Agreement including maintaining and operating a research and educational area; improve access for public; establish a parking area and footbridge; they will seek partnerships with community organizations; retain the Right of First Refusal; and post ban on firearms and alcoholic beverages and/or illegal drugs. She said Central Washington University would pay for all costs of the project. Proposed improvements included walking trails; removal of asphalt; weed management and environmental cleanup. The benefits of the project would enhance public use; close to schools; no cost to the County; restoration of natural habitat; regionally-significant research; education, stewardship, and interpretive opportunities. She said separate agreements would be made with the irrigation districts.

COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH asked how much restriction of public access would there be of the 45 acres, and would it be a moving target. He suggested having a “not to exceed” clause included. MS. ARANGO said the University needed flexibility and they would define trails, and not have a fixed percentage. COMMISSIONER HUSTON said he was not worried about an actual percentage, because he didn’t think there could have a number on it. He just wanted to make sure that people can still get to the river to fish. ALAN SULLIVAN, PROFESSOR AT CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY addressed access issues and suggested identifying areas that would be guaranteed open to the public at all times.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: HAL LINDSTROM REPRESENTING THE KITTITAS AUDUBON SOCIETY felt the objectives outlined in the Interagency Agreement were well developed and they strongly supported the proposal. GORDON BLOSSOM REPRESENTING THE FIELD AND STREAM CLUB supported the proposal. He asked if the County could assist with the expenses of the bridge; clean up and restoration. He felt the community would benefit from the proposed project. DAVID GERTH REPRESENTING THE KITTITAS COUNTY CONSERVATION TRUST said the project was a good opportunity and supported the Interagency Agreement. JEFF SLOTHOWER REPRESENTING THE PACKWOOD COMPANY explained the differences between a private Irrigation Company and Irrigation District, noting his clients were a private company. He indicated the proposed agreement was not correct because they are not an “irrigation district”. He said there were public hearings held some time in October 2004, in which they indicated they wanted to be
involved with any projects in the area, and the Board of County Commissioners had made a motion in which they wanted the irrigation entities to be involved and protected. He wanted separate agreements done with irrigation districts before the County approved the proposal and not after. They had concerns of having additional people in the area and those being unfamiliar with diversions etc. and were concerned with the proposed walking trails being on ditch bank and liability issues. Other issues raised included the parking area and the impacts to their fish screen. They were not opposed to the project itself, but wanted to be involved because of the possible impacts to them. JEFF BALDI said he supported the proposal and felt it was a great opportunity for the community. JAMES DEPAPE said he was an adjacent property owner, and spoke in favor of the project. STEVE WAGNER felt it was a good idea and for the public to have access. THERE BEING NO ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

MS. ARANGO said she was open to setting a meeting to address Packwood Canal Company’s concerns. She said the agreement would be responsible for operating and maintaining the levee. CHAIRMAN BOWEN said a review of the language which reflected the County’s responsibility for maintaining the levees would have to be revisited.

COMMISSIONER HUSTON reviewed the language regarding the irrigation district and company and felt they need to recognize there are easements that run with the title of the property. He did not feel there was a need for separate agreements, if it’s already there. He addressed the Right of First Refusal clause. He suggested Central Washington University and the County’s legal staff gets together to review the document and continue the public hearing to a late date.

CHAIRMAN BOWEN felt that having everyone agree to stipulations was a good idea.

CHAIRMAN BOWEN moved to continue the public hearing to Tuesday December 5, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium, Room 109, Kittitas County Courthouse, Ellensburg, Washington. COMMISSIONER HUSTON seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING VACATE PORTION BURKE ROAD PUBLIC WORKS

At approximately 5:10 p.m. CHAIRMAN BOWEN opened a continued public hearing from October 5, 2006, to consider enabling documents approving a vacation of a portion of Burke Road. He noted that although the agenda stated the record was closed, the record was still open to public testimony.
JAN OLLIVIER, PUBLIC WORKS TRANSPORATION MANAGER requested a continuance of the public hearing. She indicated they had been working with Pat Deneen, who represents the Ranch on Swauk Creek LLC, in preparing enabling documents. They have not had time to review the dimensions of the proposal, which was given to the Public Works Department late in the afternoon on November 6, 2006.

COMMISSIONER HUSTON moved to continue the public hearing to Tuesday November 21, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium, Room 109, Kittitas County Courthouse, Ellensburg, Washington. COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH seconded. Motion carried 3-0. It was noted the record was still open.

PUBLIC HEARING SILVERTON ROAD-COUNTY RD. SYSTEM PUBLIC WORKS

At approximately 5:15 p.m. CHAIRMAN BOWEN opened the public hearing continued from September 11, 2006, to consider enabling documents adopting Silverton Road onto the Kittitas County Road Maintenance System. It was noted the record was closed.

JAN OLLIVIER, TRANSPORTATION MANAGER, reviewed a staff report. She said they had prepared a Resolution for the Board’s consideration based on their previous direction to staff.

RESOLUTION 2006-155 SILVERTON ROAD ONTO COUNTY SYSTEM PUBLIC WORKS

COMMISSIONER HUSTON moved to approve Resolution No. 2006-155, Adopting Silverton Road onto the County Road Maintenance System. CHAIRMAN BOWEN seconded. Motion carried 2-1. (Commissioner Crankovich voted against the motion).

PUBLIC HEARING SILVERTON ROAD-SPEED & STOP SIGN PUBLIC WORKS

At 5:17 p.m. CHAIRMAN BOWEN opened a public hearing to consider amending the Kittitas County Code Section 10.080.010 speed limits and Section 10.12.010 on Silverton Road.

JAN OLLIVIER, TRANSPORTATION MANAGER reviewed a staff report. She said the Board has adopted Silverton Road onto the County Road Maintenance System. The Public Works staff conducted a speed study on Silverton Road that indicated 85% of the vehicles were traveling 32 mph or less, and there were 33 vehicles on an average day during the study. They recommended establishing a speed limit at 25 mph and suggested placing a stop sign for the southbound Silverton Road traffic at the intersection with Robinson Canyon Road.
THERE BEING NO ONE IN ATTENDANCE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

ORDINANCE 2006-50  SILVERTON ROAD—SPEED & STOP SIGN  PUBLIC WORKS

COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH moved to approve Ordinance No. 2006-50, Amending Sections 10.12.010(1) and 10.08.010 of the Kittitas County Code, placing a Stop Sign and establishing a speed limit on Silverton Road at the intersection with Robinson Canyon Road. COMMISSIONER HUSTON seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING  DANKO ROAD — COUNTY RD. SYSTEM  PUBLIC WORKS

At approximately 5:22 p.m. CHAIRMAN BOWEN opened the public hearing continued from October 5, 2006 to consider enabling documents adopting Danko Road onto the Kittitas County Road Maintenance System.

JAN OLLIVIER, TRANSPORTATION MANAGER said they had prepared a Resolution for the Board’s consideration based on their previous direction to staff.

RESOLUTION 2006-156  DANKO ROAD — COUNTY RD. SYSTEM  PUBLIC WORKS

COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH moved to approve Resolution no. 2006-156, Adopting Danko Road onto the Kittitas County Road Maintenance System. COMMISSIONER HUSTON seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING  DANKO ROAD — SPEED & STOP SIGN  PUBLIC WORKS

At approximately 5:24 p.m. CHAIRMAN BOWEN opened the public hearing to consider amending the Kittitas County Code Section 10.08.010 Speed Limits and Section 10.12.010 Stop & Yield Signs designated for Danko Road.

JAN OLLIVIER, TRANSPORTATION MANAGER said the Board adopted Danko Road onto the Kittitas County Road Maintenance System. The parcels along Danko Road are approximately one acre in size, and the density level results in volumes of traffic that justify a 25 mph speed limit zone, as well as a stop sign for westbound Danko Road traffic at the intersection with White Road. THERE BEING NO ONE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.
ORDINANCE 2006-51  DANKO ROAD - SPEED & STOP SIGN  PUBLIC WORKS

COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH moved to approve Ordinance No. 2006-51, Establishing a Speed Limit of 25 mph and the Placement of a Stop Sign on Danko Road, and to Amend Sections 10.08.010 and 10.12.010, effective upon the installation of the appropriate signs. COMMISSIONER HUSTON seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING  BOWERS & BOWERS RD. BUS. LOOP PUBLIC WORKS

At approximately 5:26 p.m. CHAIRMAN BOWEN opened the public hearing to consider adding Bowers Road Extension (1.51) miles to Bowers Road and Bowers Business Loop (0.263) on to the Kittitas County Maintenance System.

JAN OLLIVIER, PUBLIC WORKS TRANSPORTATION MANAGER reviewed a staff report, and explained that Kittitas County Public Works Department hired Huibregtse Louman Associates, Inc. to design and construct airport access improvements which included Bowers Road Extension, Bowers Business Loop, the reconstruction of a portion of Airport Road and the reconstruction of a portion of the existing Bowers Road. The completed contract plans for the construction of the new road segments and improvements to the existing Bowers Road and Airport Road were approved by the Board of County Commissioners on October 15, 2005. The roads have been inspected and met all the requirements for Kittitas County. She recommended adopting the proposed roads onto the Kittitas County Road Maintenance System. THERE BEING NO ONE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

RESOLUTION 2006-157  BOWERS RD & BOWERS BUSINESS LOOP  PUBLIC WORKS

COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH moved to approve Resolution No. 2006-157, Adopting an additional 1.51 miles to Bowers Road and the Bowers Business Loop onto the Kittitas County Road Maintenance System. COMMISSIONER HUSTON seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING  SPEED LIMIT & STOP SIGNS BOWERS RD  PUBLIC WORKS

At approximately 5:30 p.m. CHAIRMAN BOWEN opened the public hearing to consider establishing a speed limit and the placement of a stop sign on Bowers Road and Bowers Business Loop, and to Amend Sections 10.12.010(1) and 10.08.010 and 10.08.020 of the Kittitas County Code.
JAN OLLIVIER, PUBLIC WORKS TRANSPORTATION MANAGER reviewed a staff report. She explained the Board of County Commissioners adopted an additional 1.51 miles on Bowers Road and the Bowers Business Loop onto the Kittitas County Road Maintenance System, and they need to establish a speed limit and place stop signs on the roads. She recommended a 35 mph speed limit on Bowers Road Extension and 25 mph on the Bowers Business Loop, with stop signs at the intersections of Bowers Road at Reecer Creek Road, Bowers Business Loop at Airport Road, and Bowers Business Loop at Bowers Road, Airport Road at Bowers Road.

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

ORDINANCE 2006-52  SPEED LIMIT & STOP SIGNS BOWERS RD  PUBLIC WORKS

COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH moved to approve Ordinance No. 2006-52, Adding the following roads as “Stop Intersections” Bowers Road at Reecer Creek Road, Bowers Business Loop at Airport Road, Bowers Business Loop at Bowers Road, Airport Road at Bowers Road; and to establish a 25 mile per hour speed limit on the entire road of Bowers Business Loop and to establish a speed limit of 35 miles per hour on Bowers Road from Reecer Creek Road to Airport Road.

COMMISSIONER HUSTON seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:32 P.M.

CLERK OF THE BOARD  KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Julie A. Kjordvik  David B. Bowen, Chairman