TUESDAY
4:00 P.M.
DECEMBER 5, 2006

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Jan Ollivier, Public Works Transportation Manager; Amy Mills, Treasurer; Brandon Drexler, Public Works Director and 12 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING GLADMAR PARK INTERLOCAL WITH CWU COMMISSIONERS

At approximately 4:00 p.m. CHAIRMAN BOWEN opened a continued public hearing from November 7, 2006, to consider an Interlocal Agreement with Central Washington University for the use of Gladmar Park as a Natural Science Research area. He noted the record was closed.

JILL ARANGO REPRESENTING KITTITAS COUNTY CONSERVATION DIRECTOR FOR THE CASCADE LAND CONSERVANCY gave an update and overview on information that had been changed to the draft Interlocal Agreement, since the last public hearing. She said meetings were held with all the stakeholders with updates to the Interagency Agreement. She reviewed a survey the plan to conduct; the timeframe for improvements; major and minor improvements; public access issues; indemnification. She suggested the Board grant conditional approval of the Interagency Agreement pending the completed survey of Gladmar Park done by Central Washington University.

COMMISSIONER HUSTON suggested pulling out the option to purchase section and put in the right of first refusal with a sixty day window. JEFF SLOTHOWER REPRESENTING THE PACKWOOD CANAL COMPANY said their concerns had been adequately addressed and suggested the Board grant preliminary approval of the Agreement.

COMMISSIONER HUSTON moved to agree conceptually with the proposed agreement, direct staff to make appropriate changes as directed by the Board; to complete the survey and bring appropriate documents to Board at a later date. COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

COMMISSIONER HUSTON said he did not see too many problems and there seems to be a good list of representation on the advisory committee. COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH commended the proponents for making good use of the area. Motion carried 3-0.
COMMISSIONER HUSTON suggested re-noticing another public hearing once the survey has been completed and the document is ready for review by the public and Board of County Commissioners.

PUBLIC HEARING                     TAX TITLE PROPERTY                     TREASURER

At approximately 4:25 p.m. CHAIRMAN BOWEN opened a continued public hearing from November 14, 2006 to consider enabling documents for applications for the resale of Tax Title Property.

AMY MILLS, TREASURER explained that the Prosecutors office advised her that in regard to Parcel #027834, that the law requires the property to be sold at a public auction. She reviewed documents included including certified paperwork which had been submitted by the Bureau of Land Management on November 30, 2006 in reference to the ownership history of Parcel #754833; a the letter from Assessor’s office dated November 15, 2006 in regard to the assessed value on Parcel #027834 and Parcel #496233. She reviewed eight draft Resolutions for the Boards consideration.

COMMISSIONER HUSTON felt the information submitted by the BLM was a list of properties “they felt” they owned, and there is no other documentation to support their claim. JEFF SLOTHOWER, REPRESENTING SPRINGWOOD INVESTMENT CORPORATION, thought they would be negotiating with the County as an adjoining land owner, and was concerned if it goes to public auction, which may cause problems. He said they believed the property was located within the floodway, and the access points are only for Springwood. He needed time to talk with his clients and said they could bring a quiet title action in Superior Court and let the Courts determine ownership, which may be a cleaner way of doing it. COMMISSIONER HUSTON said he can’t see why it wouldn’t be tax title property, but the paperwork isn’t there.

RESOLUTION 2006-173                     TAX TITLE PROPERTY                     COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONER HUSTON moved to approve Resolution No. 2006-173, Determining Disposition of Certain Real Property. COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING                     CDBG GRANT APPLICATION                     COMMISSIONERS

At 5:00 p.m. CHAIRMAN BOWEN opened the public hearing to consider reviewing community development and housing needs, inform citizens of the availability of funds and eligible uses of the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and receive comments on proposed activities, particularly from low-and moderate-income persons and persons residing in Kittitas County. There is up to
$113,229.00 available to Kittitas County and HopeSource to fund public services activities that principally benefit low-and moderate-income person. Comments on the County’s and Community Action Agency’s past performance and use of their 2006 CDBG Public Service Grant awards will also be received.

JEFF CRUMP REPRESENTING HOPESOURCE thanked the County for their continued support. He reviewed the various activities HopeSource has been able to provide to the community in 2006. They anticipate new projects including an apprentice program for weatherization; a learning center for both upper and lower county and increased transportation opportunities throughout the county.

COMMISSIONER HUSTON said he would abstain from voting due to being on the HopeSource Board. COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH expressed his appreciation to HopeSource and felt they were a very important part of the community.

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

COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH moved to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the 2007 Community Development Block Grant Application, in the amount of $113,229.00, for the period January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007. CHAIRMAN BOWEN seconded. Motion carried 2-0. (COMMISSIONER HUSTON abstained).

RESOLUTION 2006-174 CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH moved to approve Resolution No. 2006-174, Certifying Compliance of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Services Grant. CHAIRMAN BOWEN seconded. Motion carried 2-0. (COMMISSIONER HUSTON abstained).

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE CDBG PUBLIC SERVICE GRANT COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH moved to approve the Grievance Procedure for the Community Development Block Grant projects. CHAIRMAN BOWEN seconded. Motion carried 2-0. (COMMISSIONER HUSTON abstained).

PUBLIC HEARING CLEARVIEW DRIVE-COUNTY RD. SYSTEM PUBLIC WORKS

At approximately 5:06 p.m. CHAIRMAN BOWEN opened the continued public hearing to consider adopting Clearview Drive onto the Kittitas County Road System.

JAN OLLIVIER, PUBLIC WORKS TRANSPORTATION MANAGER distributed a new staff report and Resolution for the Boards consideration.
COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH moved to approve Resolution No. 2006-175, adopting Clearview Drive onto the Kittitas County Road Maintenance System. COMMISSIONER HUSTON seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING CREEKSEDGE, MIDDLECREST, PEAKVIEW PUBLIC WORKS

At approximately 5:10 p.m. CHAIRMAN BOWEN opened a continued public hearing to consider adopting all of Peakview Drive, Part of Creeksedge Way and Part of Middlecrest Drive onto the Kittitas County Road System.

JAN OLLIVIER, PUBLIC WORKS TRANSPORTATION MANAGER reviewed the draft Resolution for the Boards consideration.

COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH moved to approve Resolution No. 2006-176, Adopting all of Peakview Drive, part of Creeksedge Way and part of Middlecrest Drive onto the Kittitas County Road Maintenance System. COMMISSIONER HUSTON seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING CLEARVIEW, PEAKVIEW MIDDLECREST ETC. PUBLIC WORKS

At approximately 5:13 p.m. CHAIRMAN BOWEN opened the public hearing to consider amending Kittitas County Code 10.080.010 Speed Limits and 10.12.010 Stop & Yield Signs for Clearview Drive, Peakview Drive, part of Creeksedge Way and part of Middlecrest Drive.

JAN OLLIVIER, PUBLIC WORKS TRANSPORTATION MANAGER reviewed an engineers report. She indicated the development is in the Urban Growth Area and therefore the City of Ellensburg standards must be met.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: BROOK BRODENER said he was a resident in the area and there are mostly students living in the area 25 mph may still be too high. He suggested posting it at 15 mph. THERE BEING NO ADDITIONAL PUBLIC REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

ORDINANCE 2006-62 CLEARVIEW, PEAKVIEW, CREEKSEDGE WAY PUBLIC WORKS

COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH moved to approve Ordinance No. 2006-62, Establishing Speed Limits and the Placement of Stop Signs on Clearview Drive, Peakview Drive, Creeksedge Way and Middlecrest Drive. COMMISSIONER HUSTON seconded.
COMMISSIONER HUSTON said if the roads were built to current road standards, and 25 is too fast, maybe put speed tapes out after the signs go up and review the speed. MS. OLLIVIER said after winter they would take a look at it. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING R & R CABLE COMPANY - TV FRANCHISE PUBLIC WORKS

At approximately 5:23 p.m. CHAIRMAN BOWEN opened a public hearing to consider a Non-Exclusive Franchise to Use County Roads, Rights-of-Way and other County Property within Kittitas County, with R&R Cable Company.

BRANDON DREXLER, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR reviewed a staff report. He indicated R&R Communications had requested a countywide franchise. Initially they had considered assuming a portion of Charter Communications franchise that would include portions of the small cities in the Cle Elum and South Cle Elum areas. Once the option was reviewed by the County, the Board of County Commissioners suggested R&R Cable apply for a countywide franchise. He indicated R&R Cable had signed the agreement that had been drafted by Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor. CHAIRMAN BOWEN wanted to be sure it was consistent with others? MR. DREXLER said it was, with the exception of the names. He distributed a copy of City of S. Cle Elum & Cle Elum approving the transfer of the cable franchise.

JAMES K. BROOKS, TREASURER FOR R&R CABLE COMPANY spoke in favor of the agreement and urged the Board to approve it.

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

MR. DREXLER recommended the Board sign the document, contingent upon the Deputy Prosecutor’s signature when he returns from training.

NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE R&R CABLE COMPANY PUBLIC WORKS

COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH moved to approve and authorize the Board to sign a Non-Exclusive Franchise with R&R Cable to Use County Roads, Rights-of-Way and Other County Property within Kittitas County, upon receipt of the Deputy Prosecutor’s signature. COMMISSIONER HUSTON seconded.

COMMISSIONER HUSTON explained the agreement gives the right to rights-of-way and the public benefit is extending services to densities.

Motion carried 3-0.

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Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Julie A. Kjorsvik

David Bowen, Chairman