Board members present: Chairman Obie O'Brien; Vice-Chairman Jewell and Commissioner Gary Berndt.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Jan Ollivier, Transportation Manager; Kay Kresge, Accountant and 1 member of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 2:00 p.m. CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN opened a Public Hearing to consider declaring certain Sheriff's Department vehicles surplus to the County's needs.

KAY KRESGE, ACCOUNTANT said there were 3 Sheriff's vehicles that were surplus to their needs due to age and mileage. She said they were 3/10th vehicles and would sold to FCI Custom Police Build for credit for the new builds on their new vehicles.

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

RESOLUTION 2013-080

Commissioner Jewell moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-080, Declaring Certain Sheriff's Department Vehicles Surplus to Kittitas County. Commissioner Berndt seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 2:05 p.m. CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN opened a Public Hearing to consider establishing a speed limit on Caribou Road from Clerf Road to Lyons Road.

JAN OLLIVIER, TRANSPORTATION MANAGER explained the Public Works Department was planning to hard-surface Caribou Road in 2013. The whole length of Caribou Road from Clerf Road (MP 0.00) to Lyons Roads (MP 2.82), and has been evaluated for establishing

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an appropriate speed limit. She said the speed study which showed that 85% of the vehicles were traveling at or below 54.1 mph on the paved portion and 42.3 on the gravel portion of Caribou Road. She said it was expected that the speed of vehicles traveling on the gravel portion of Caribou Road would be faster once it is hard surfaced. Their recommendation was to not post the speed limit, therefore according to Kittitas County Code Chapter 10.08.030 limiting it to a maximum of 50 mph and to conduct a speed study in 2014 to determine if the speed limit is still appropriate after paving the road.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL felt it was unsafe not having a speed limit posted on gravel roads. MS. OLLIVIER said they generally don’t post gravel roads as most of them are dead ends. She indicated that gravel roads can have difficulty with spinouts and yet when there are paved roads, people will tend to go at a higher rate of speed.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: LYNN HENDERSON said he lives on Caribou Road and there are approximately 10 families who live on the north side of it. He stated the speed limit is currently posted at 35 mph where he lives and even that’s too fast. He indicated there were many people who pull out onto the paved portion of the road and if the County was going to make any change, he would rather they change the speed limit from 35 mph to 25 mph in front of his house. THERE BEING NO ONE ELSE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

The Board asked questions of Staff. Ms. Ollivier said improvements were scheduled to begin sometime next week.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to establish a speed limit of 35 mph on Caribou Road from Clerf to Lyons Road and direct staff to prepare enabling documents. COMMISSIONER BERNDT seconded. Motion carried 3-0

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to continue the Public Hearing to Tuesday July 2, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. under Board Discussion & Decision, noting the record is closed. COMMISSIONER BERNDT seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
Meeting adjourned 2:33 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

Julie Kjorsvik

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Chairman Obie O'Brien