

KITITAS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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BOARD OF KITITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

STUDY SESSION MINUTES January 27, 2003

THOSE PRESENT: Max Golladay, Perry Huston, Bruce Coe, Paul Bennett, Kelly Carlson

SNOW & ICE POLICY: Paul explained that the Snow & Ice policy has not been looked at in detail since 1986. He said that we do set the 'Priorities' on a yearly basis, but not in detail. The subject of snowplows hitting mailboxes was brought up and Paul stated that the policy on this is that if a snowplow actually hits (metal/metal) the box we replace, but if it is damaged by the slush/snow then it is the responsibility of citizen.

FLOODING ISSUES: Max asked how the flooding on Thomas was going, and Paul informed him that the crew pulled some dams and this seemed to alleviate the flooding. Max also expressed some concern about the flooding on Brickmill road where the county rebuilt the road last fall. He felt that there were some cottonwood trees that were causing a blockage and that we may need to take a look at them to see if we can do anything about it.

CRAB CONSOLIDATION: Paul asked the BOCC if they would like to send a letter of support for CRAB stating that it works very well. He said that the Counties seem to support CRAB and what it is doing for them. Paul is sending a letter of support, and Perry said he will be attending the legislative steering committee meeting and will bring this up at that time.

CRAB BOARD OPENING: Paul informed the BOCC of the open position on the CRAB Board and wanted to know if the BOCC supported him to volunteer for this position. It would entail about 8 days a year in Olympia for meetings. Paul felt that this would be a chance to bring a new perspective to the board and a representative from Eastern Washington. The BOCC approved Paul stepping up for this position.

JOHN WAYNE TRAIL: An agreement was submitted to us from the JWT Committee. This agreement was for the formation of a Committee that would meet certain objectives within a year. Paul explained that the only County property affected by this would be the South end of the airport along the canal to Bowers Road utility corridor. He also stated that additional right of way will need to be acquired at the Rassmussen property. Public Works will obtain legal review and signature and will hope to put on the February 18th agenda.

RIDGEWAY UPDATE: Paul wrote a letter to the Burkes explaining the direction we were thinking of going with the culvert. Mary Burke is having Larry Martin (her atty.) draw up an agreement for us to sign. As far as the access issue, he cannot guarantee that if we change any of the site conditions even minimally that it won't jeopardize the bond. He has proposed an alternative to the Burkes that may assist the Burkes and the Wulfs'. This will take a separate agreement between the Burkes' & Wulfs' with no county involvement. Perry suggested a

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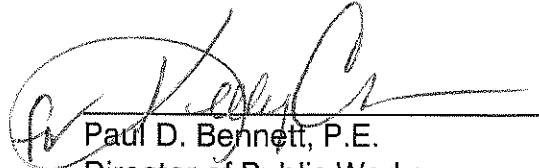
"mechanics lien" on the unsold lots to ensure we have enough funds to finish the roads ourselves. BOCC approved a temporary access from the hard surfaced existing road as long as this will not impact the bond. Paul also stated that he will be sending yet another letter to Ridgeway soon stating that he is in default of his second bond as of February 8, 2003.

SR903/BULLFROG INTERSECTION: Paul stated that he will choose W & H Pacific as the consultant to go through the process to come up with a preferred alternative. The consultant fees for this will be around \$ 98K. Trendwest will reimburse 100% for these fees. Bruce C. was concerned about a certain citizen that may loose his access off of SR903. Paul stated that he is sensitive to that and will work with him on this. The responsibility of the maintenance on this turnabout will be the WSDOT.

PARKE CREEK ROAD: Paul has a consultant agreement for them to start the design on Parke Creek road. With the possible consolidation of CRAB the BOCC suggested not starting the project until we know how the consolidation turns out.

BOWERS ROAD PROJECT: Paul stated that there was no appeal received for this project. So now all that will need to be decided is how the last 100' will be built.

Adjourned at 3:05



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