

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
PUBLIC HEARING**

TUESDAY

4:00 P.M.

MAY 2, 2006

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Scott Bradshaw, Director of Public Works; Tom Swenson, Director of Facilities Maintenance and 3 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING

TOZER & ORCHARD ROAD

PUBLIC WORKS

At approximately 4:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN BOWEN** opened a public hearing to consider modifications to the existing traffic control at the intersection of Tozer Road and Orchard Road.

SCOTT BRADSHAW, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS presented a staff report and explained the Public Works Department received a request to revise the traffic control at the Tozer Road and Orchard Road intersection. He said an on-sight inspection of the intersection and analysis was completed including the distance triangle, accident history, speed and traffic volumes. After their review, the intersection met all standards for the placement of a yield sign. He noted for the record there was no record of any accidents at the location. His recommendation was to remove the yield sign on Tozer Road and place a yield sign on Orchard Road at the intersection between Tozer and Orchard roads which would provide a safer intersection. He recognized a letter from Laurie Gigstead, dated May 1, 2006 feeling the traffic count data may be skewed because of the current and ongoing construction occurring on Tozer Road, resulting in higher traffic volumes. She also felt by placing a yield sign on Orchard Road rather than Tozer Road would potentially create a very dangerous traffic hazard.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: **LYNNE MAHRE** read written testimony submitted on behalf of herself, Thomas W. Mahre, Tracy Mahre, Todd Mahre and Cecilia Mahre. Their suggestion was to place a Stop sign on Tozer Road. **THOMAS MAHRE** felt there needed to be a Stop sign on Tozer Road, claiming it was just a matter of time before an accident occurs. He felt Orchard Road has always been the main road, and should remain that way. **ED SLABODIAN** referenced the speed on Tozer Road of 50 miles per hour and did not think a Yield sign was inappropriate. He felt there may have been many accidents in the past, but because the residents are aware of the situation, they

drive more cautiously defensively. He did not agree that a Yield sign should be placed on Orchard Road. **THERE BEING NO ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

MR. BRADSHAW addressed the issue of the number of Average Daily Traffic counts, and stated the total number of lots (44 residential), with possibly more in the future. Each residence is responsible for approximately 9.15 trips per day. The traffic technician determined a speed limit of 25 mph on Orchard Road, and felt the sight distance was adequate for traffic coming onto Tozer Road. He said the ADT count was not conducted on a Sunday, so the traffic from people going to Church may not have been accounted for during the study. **COMMISSIONER HUSTON** realized there were traffic guides, but felt it would be better to place a Stop sign, where the Yield sign is now on Tozer Road. He noted the general rule of the road is to Yield to the right. He felt it was maybe time to evaluate Tozer road's speed limit as well as placing a Stop sign. **CHAIRMAN BOWEN** noted the results showed there were people going 45 mph on Orchard Road, when it is posted as 25 mph.

COMMISSIONER HUSTON moved to direct staff to prepare an Ordinance which would place a Stop sign, in place of the current Yield sign at the intersection of Tozer and Orchard Roads. **CHAIRMAN BOWEN** seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

COMMISSIONER HUSTON moved to continue the public hearing to Monday May 8, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. Commissioners Auditorium to consider an Ordinance placing a Stop sign at the current sight of the Yield sign at the intersection of Tozer Road and Orchard Road. **CHAIRMAN BOWEN** seconded. Motion carried 2-0. (Record is closed)

PUBLIC HEARING

PERRY ROAD

PUBLIC WORKS

At approximately 4:40 p.m. **CHAIRMAN BOWEN** opened a public hearing to consider a speed reduction on Perry Road, Kittitas County.

SCOTT BRADSHAW, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS reviewed a staff report, stating the Public Works Department received a request to consider reducing the speed limit from the un-posted speed limit of 50 mph to 25 mph on Perry Road. According to their review and traffic studies conducted, they recommended posting the speed limit at 35 mph for Perry Road. He referenced a letter from Barb McBride dated April 28, 2006 in support of lowering the speed limit.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: ED SLABODIAN spoke in favor of lowering the speed limit on Perry Road. **THERE BEING NO ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

COMMISSIONER HUSTON noted the traffic study showed people were already driving an average speed of 31 mph. **MR. BRADSHAW** did not have a problem removing the advisory sign and lowering the speed limit to 25 mph, because when he drove the road himself, he did not feel comfortable driving over.

COMMISSIONER HUSTON moved to direct staff to prepare an Ordinance establishing a speed limit of 25 mph on Perry Road. **CHAIRMAN BOWEN** seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

CHAIRMAN BOWEN moved to continue the public hearing to Monday May 8, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse. **COMMISSIONER HUSTON** seconded. Motion carried 2-0. (Record is closed).

PUBLIC HEARING IRRIGATION FRANCHISE-CLARKE ROAD PUBLIC WORKS

At approximately 4:55 p.m. **CHAIRMAN BOWEN** opened a public hearing to consider granting a Non-exclusive Irrigation Franchise on Clarke Road, Kittitas County.

SCOTT BRADSHAW, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS reviewed a request for a Non-Exclusive Irrigation Franchise with David Rinehart on Clarke Road. He said Mr. Rinehart wanted to place a new culvert crossing approximately 106 feet east of a failing concrete siphon and place 800 foot of culvert on the south side of Clarke Road to create a covered ditch easterly from the new cross culvert. He recommended the Board approve a Non-exclusive Irrigation Franchise with Mr. Rinehart.

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

IRRIGATION FRANCHISE CLARKE ROAD-RINEHART PUBLIC WORKS

COMMISSIONER HUSTON move to approve a Non-Irrigation Franchise with David Rinehart for Tax Parcel Number 18-18-17000-0001. **COMMISSIONER BOWEN** seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

PUBLIC HEARING SURPLUS RENTAL STRUCTURES MAINTENANCE

At approximately 4:56 p.m. **CHAIRMAN BOWEN** opened a public hearing to consider surplusizing five (5) rental structures owned by Kittitas County.

TOM SWENSON, DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES MAINTENCE explained the following properties were purchased in accordance with the Kittitas

County Fairgrounds Master Plan which calls for the purchase of certain properties which have beneficial value to the over-all Fairgrounds plan. (806 Maple Street; 808 Maple Street; 1105 E. 8th Avenue; 1105 E. 8th Avenue; 1010 University Way; 1014 University Qay). He said ongoing rental of the properties were not consistent with the overall Master Plan. He recommended the Board surplus all five rental structures and that the two properties located on University Way be incorporated into the North parking lot; the two rental structures on Maple Street be removed and the property be developed into a suitable Maintenance Shop with restroom facilities and the rental structure on 8th avenue be removed and the property be used for additional parking and to enlarge Indian Village. He indicated Sande DeSalles, Fairgrounds Director and the Fair Board agreed with the proposal.

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

COMMISSIONER HUSTON said the request complied with the Fairgrounds Master Plan footprint.

RESOLUTION 2006-74 DECLARE STRUCUTRES SURPLUS MAINTENANCE

COMMISSIONER HUSTON moved to approve Resolution No. 2006-74, Declaring the structures on the following County owned properties to be surplus and to authorize the removal of the structures: 806 Maple Street; 808 Maple Street; 1105 8th Avenue; 1010 University Way; 1014 University Way, and direct the Facilities Director to demolish the structures. **CHAIRMAN BOWEN** seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Julie A. Kjorsvik

David Bowen, Chairman