RESOLUTION

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BENTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY PLANNING RE: a proposed Public Participation Plan (PPP) that will be used for Benton County’s 2006 GMA Comprehensive Plan Review and Update Program; pursuant to Washington State planning law RCW 36.70A.130 & RCW 36.70A.140.

WHEREAS, on June 22nd, 1998, the Benton County Board of Commissioners adopted the Benton County Comprehensive Plan; and,

WHEREAS, Washington State Planning law requires counties to take action to review and, if needed, revise their comprehensive plans and development regulations to ensure the plan and regulations comply with the requirements of this chapter, pursuant to RCW 36.70A.130(4)(c); and,

WHEREAS, Washington State planning law requires counties to establish public participation plans identifying procedures and providing for early and continuous public participation in the development and amendment of comprehensive plans pursuant to RCW 36.70A.140; and,

WHEREAS; the Washington State Department of Community Trade and Economic Development was notified as required by RCW36.70A.106 on October 4th, 2005, that future action would be taken by the County on the Public Participation Plan and to begin its sixty (60) day review process; and,

WHEREAS, the Benton County Planning Commission after effective notice did conduct a public hearing on October 18th, 2005, to take public comment on the County’s Public Participation Plan. After receiving public testimony and reviewing the Planning Staff recommended Public Participation Plan, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the PPP, and to forward the Plan and recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, the Benton County Planning Commission record was forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners and legal notification was published on December 5, 2005; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners did conduct their own public hearing on December 19th, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioner’s Meeting Room, Third Floor, Courthouse, Prosser WA 99350; and,

WHEREAS, the Board finds that proper legal notification, public hearing and review have been made; and,

WHEREAS, after consideration of the above mentioned request and after reviewing the Planning Commission record, staff files and all written and oral comments submitted at the public hearing, the Board of County Commissioners adopts the Planning Commission’s findings as their own and it appears to be in the public’s best interest to approve the plan; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners hereby APPROVES the attached Benton County Public Participation Plan (PPP) for the GMA Comprehensive Plan 2006 Review and Update as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Dated this 19th day of Dec 2005

Chairman of the Board

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Attest: Clerk of the Board

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