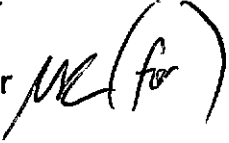


Jefferson County  
Board of Commissioners  
Agenda Request

**To:** Board of Commissioners  
Philip Morley, County Administrator

**From:** Frank Gifford, Public Works Director 

**Agenda Date:** June 20, 2011

**Subject:** A Resolution declaring an intent to Vacate a County Road, known as Keesling Road, County Road No. 360009.

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**Statement of Issue:**

A Resolution declaring an Intent to Vacate the following County Road Right of Way:

**Keesling Road No. 360009:** All that portion of Keesling Road No. 360009 lying westerly of SR 104, intersecting with Center Road No. 931507 at Mile Post 7.3, lying in the NW 1/4 of Section 16, Township 28 North, Range 1 West. W. M.; with an approximate distance of 0.31 miles. Situate in Jefferson County, State of Washington.

**Analysis/Strategic Goals:**

The County Engineer has examined this certain County road as to its current viability and usefulness within the County Road system, report attached. At this time, the road listed above is considered by the County Engineer to be unnecessary as part of the overall County road system. This resolution of intent to vacate a portion of the public road will initiate the formal vacation process, which includes comments from public agencies and adjoining property owners prior to the public hearing with the Hearings Examiner.

This road has been selected to help insure that existing County roads on the Official County Road Log continue to receive limited road resources and help reduce unnecessary County liabilities and manage risk. By using the standard vacation process, the County can determine that indeed this road is not useful, and it is in the public's interest to vacate it.

**Fiscal Impact:**

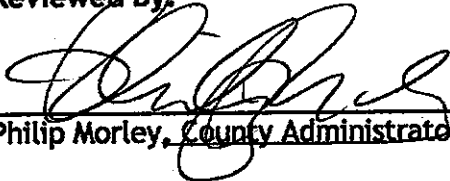
The long term impact of the actual vacation of this road may help reduce future costs associated with the management of unnecessary right of way and potential maintenance expenditures. The adjoining property owner/manager, Department of Natural Resources has indicated support for this vacation to further assist them with the management of the State Forest Lands.

**Department Contact:** Monte Reinders, P.E., County Engineer, 385-9242

**Recommendation:**

The Department of Public Works recommends the Board of County Commissioners adopt the attached resolution of intent to vacate the County right of way. The hearing date for the proposed vacation is tentatively set for August 9, 2011 at the hour of 2:00 p.m., with the Jefferson County Hearing Examiner in the first floor conference room, Courthouse, Port Townsend, Washington.

**Reviewed By:**

  
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Philip Morley, County Administrator

  
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Date

STATE OF WASHINGTON  
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

In the matter of  
A Resolution Declaring  
An Intent to Vacate a Portion  
County Road Right of Way

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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, after due consideration, it appears to this Board of County Commissioners that it is in the public interest to vacate the portions of the following County Rights of Way, described as follows:

KEESLING ROAD No. 360009:

All that portion of Keesling Road No. 360009 lying westerly of SR 104, intersecting with Center Road No. 931507 at Mile Post 7.3, lying in the NW 1/4 of Section 16, Township 28 North, Range 1 West. W. M.; with an approximate distance of 0.31 miles. Situate in Jefferson County, State of Washington.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, and in contemplation of the language of statute R.C.W. 36.87.010, the County Engineer is hereby directed to examine said roads and report his opinion as to whether this county road right of way should be vacated and abandoned and all other facts, matters and things which will be of importance to the Board, and that such report to be filed as soon as possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Public Works Department shall collect public comment on this mater and bring it before the Hearings Examiner at the earliest possible date.

ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF JUNE, 2011

JEFFERSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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John Austin, Chair

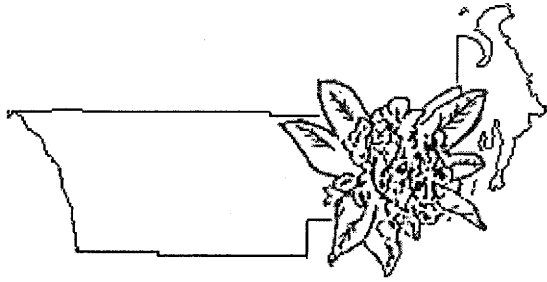
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David W. Sullivan, Member

ATTEST:

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Lorna Delaney  
Clerk of the Board




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*Frank Gifford, Public Works Director*  
*Monte Reinders, P.E., County Engineer*

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
Jefferson County Hearing Examiner

**FROM:** Monte Reinders, P.E., County Engineer 

**DATE:** June 13, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Engineers Report regarding the intent to vacate Keesling Road, County Road No. 360009.

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In accordance with Ch 36.87 RCW, I have examined the above referenced right of way, and submit the following report.

## FINDINGS

1. The intent is to vacate all that portion of of Keesling Road No. 360009, lying westerly of State Route (SR) 104, intersecting with Center Road No. 931507 at Mile Post 7.3, lying in the NW 1/4 of Section 16, Township 28 North, Range 1 West. W. M.; with an approximate distance of 0.31 miles. Situate in Jefferson County, State of Washington. Please refer to attached map.
2. The right of way requested for vacation was originally a portion of the Quilcene to Center Road which was realigned through County Road Project No. 160, on or about April, 1957.
3. This portion of Keesling Road No. 360009 does not provide for area circulation nor does the proposed action land lock any parcel of real property.
4. The adjoining property owner/managers (the Department of Natural Resources) are supportive of the road vacation in order to more efficiently manage the State property.
5. The effectiveness of emergency services will not be impaired by this vacation.
6. The right of way does not abut a body of salt or fresh water (See RCW 36.87.130).

7. The public may benefit by this vacation by reducing the County's liability and maintenance expense for unneeded right of way.

RECOMMENDATION

Therefore, based on the foregoing Findings, and provided no contrary testimony or new findings are presented at the hearing, the County Engineer recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approve this vacation request.

**Proposed Road Vacation**

CR# 360009, Keesling Road

