



MEMORANDUM

TO: Carbon County Planning Board
FROM: Monica Plecker
DATE: January 15, 2015
RE: Oil and Gas Discussion

At the November Planning Board meeting oil and gas development was briefly discussed and public comment was received. There were several members of the public who expressed a desire to see regulations related to oil and gas development in Carbon County. Though many comments were expressed, several concerns were related to the environmental integrity of the County related to water, soil and air quality. Safety was also cited as a motivation for regulation.

For staff to draft regulations that meet the expectations of the Board, we must also understand the intent of regulations and the desire of the County to regulate. A thoughtful discussion from the Planning Board is key in moving any recommendation forward to the Commissioners.

Discussion Outline:

1. Board Discussion Questions:
 - a. What are concerns related to existing oil and gas development?
 - b. How might those concerns be mitigated through the development regulations?
 - c. Does the Planning Board feel equipped to evaluate proposals for oil and gas development?
 - d. To what extent, if any, does the Planning Board wish to regulate oil and gas development?
2. Alternatives to regulating oil and gas through other means other than zoning and development permits:
 - a. Road Permitting System
 - b. Road Maintenance Agreements
 - c. Impact Fees
3. Next Steps: Based on the Board's discussion at the upcoming meeting staff will walk through next steps and timeframe for both oil and gas and the development regulations as a whole.