# REGULAR MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD August 19, 2014 TUESDAY 7:00 PM

# CARBON COUNTY COURTHOUSE 102 NORTH BROADWAY AVENUE RED LODGE, MT

# I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson, Julie Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Board members present:

Julie Jones

Diann Fischer Larson

John Francis

Gene Koch

Pete Critelli

**Annette Anderson** 

Mike Creeden

Board members absent:

David Alsager

Mike Schara

Kathy Burgener

Staff attending:

**Brent Moore** 

Dave Dixon

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made, seconded and passed, to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2014, Board meeting as prepared.

# III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Several members of the public were in attendance. Some of those speaking expressed concern that more regulations were unnecessary, may result in unintended consequences, and were sometimes detrimental. One person spoke of the concern that if a county future land use map designated a use different from what he wanted to develop that this difference would cause him much more work to get his proposed use accepted. Another person spoke of the importance of protecting irrigated lands, to direct growth to dry lands, and to include those areas designated as prime agricultural lands in the Growth Policy future land use map. A Joliet representative spoke – Joliet is working on their own Growth Policy, but in the meantime wants to be included in the county Growth Policy with information basic yet specific to their concerns.

# IV. ACTION ITEMS

None.

#### V. BOARD AND STAFF DISCUSSION

Board and Staff discussed that Board member Kathy Burgener has not been able to regularly attend Board meetings due to health reasons. If Kathy were placed on inactive status, the remaining 9 active members would then meet quorum requirements with 5 members attending. The mayor of Bearcreek cannot find anyone to volunteer to replace Kathy and the mayor is unwilling to appoint a replacement. A motion was made to have the County Commissioners designate Kathy Burgener as an inactive Carbon County Planning Board member for the remainder of her term. Motion received a second, discussion followed: Pete asked for bylaw clarification on such an action. No citing in the bylaws could be readily found; and however, Brent reported the county attorney, Alex Nixon, concurs this is an appropriate action. Roll call vote was a follows: Mike Creeden: yeah, Diann Larson: yeah, Gene Koch: yeah, Annette Anderson: yeah, Pete Critelli: yeah, John Francis: yeah, and Julie Jones: yeah. Motion passed unanimously.

Brent Moore did a brief review of the Growth Policy update timeline and an overview of maps and data collected thus far. Brent review the findings of the August 4th through August 6th Outreach field trips. He felt the turnout was good and is preparing a short video of the county. He reported on public input key findings as: 1) the county has different areas: Clark's Fork, Beartooth Front, Rock Creek Valley, and Cooney area. 2) there is a demand for natural resource development, 3) different opinions on land use development and land use regulations, and 4) economic development centers around tourism and natural resources. Next agenda item: Future Land Use, discussion lead by Brent. He reviewed several types of land use maps and asked for the Board's input on what type of a future land use map the updated Growth Policy should have. Though little input was received an acceptable future land use map should direct growth towards existing communities. Discussion suggested commercial industrial development appropriate between Rockvale and Laurel and along Hwy. 310 south towards the Wyoming border. Suggested for inclusion in the Growth Policy is a statement such as – growth in and adjacent to existing communities, along with investment in infrastructure to facilitate this growth, is desirable.

Brent then reviewed that Part II of the Development and Permit regulations will be updated to bring the county in compliance with state regulations.

#### VI. UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Nothing discussed.

#### VII. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm. Respectfully submitted, Diann Fischer Larson, Board Secretary