

WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MEETING

AGENDA
SPECIAL CALL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2010
5:00PM
WESTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE – BOARD ROOM

Commission Members: Rick Dunford (Chairman), Joe Sandrini, Vice Chairman, Jim Varner, John Ackerman & Jerry Varner

Board of Commissioner Members: Tom Bruce (Chairman), Randy Rossman, Glen Hutt, Jerry Shepperson, Alan Todd

County Clerk: Paulette Thompson

Staff: Ray Pacheco, Planning Coordinator

Call to order: Tom Bruce, Randy Rossman, Jerry Shepperson and Jerry Varner were present, along with the Planning Coordinator and Paulette Thompson – County Clerk.

Roll call: 5:00 pm

Discussion Item(s):

❖ Discussion on Community Assessment

This meeting was in conjunction with a Special Call Meeting that the Board of Commissioners was holding due to a change in their regular meeting schedule. Therefore this was not an official Planning & Zoning Commission meeting but a joint discussion on the outcome of the Community Assessment.

The Planning Coordinator presented a breakdown of the comments gathered by the Assessment Team during the May 2010 Assessment Listening Sessions. This overview consisted of comments on *Citizen Participation, Environmental issues* and concerns, *Economic Development, Preservation of Agricultural Lands, Public Lands, Natural Resources, Energy and Public Facilities*. The Planning Coordinator mentioned the existence of a Statewide Comprehensive Plan that was adopted in 1979 by the Wyoming Legislation. He mentioned that all of the issues brought up at the May Assessment were also discussed as concerns in the Statewide Plan. He then said that the county does have a comprehensive plan that was created shortly after the Statewide Plan but it is out of date and has never been implemented or used to manage growth and development in the county.

He asked those present if they felt the need to develop a countywide comprehensive plan and if they wanted to move forward with such a plan and include the comments from the residents of Weston County that were gathered in May. The Board stated that they wanted to continue the process of developing a comprehensive plan but that they did not want to make

it too difficult, so that the plan that is produced is too restrictive and too cumbersome for elected officials and the public to use.

The Planning Coordinator presented a flow chart that organized a way for the Board and Commission to address the comments, concerns and projects mentioned by the residents of the county. Each of the comments was put into categories that are similar to the planning categories identified in the Statewide Plan. The chart then identified a way to manage each of these categories, which included supervision of committees by the Planning Commission members and inclusion of Board members on the committees. The committees would be made up of county residents and each committee would have one topic to discuss. The goal of the committees would be to develop goals, objectives and strategic tools to implement their own goals. Upon finishing their assignment, each committee under the leadership of the appropriate Board and Commission members would present their goals and objectives to the public. From there, it would be up to the Board, Commission and the Planning Coordinator to provide the means for seeing these projects fulfilled. The Planning Coordinator would help facilitate individual committee meetings but when those committees were ready to present their projects to the general public, the county would look at hiring outside consultants to facilitate each presentation.

After a brief discussion on the results of the Assessment and how the county would manage such a large project, the Board decided to wait for the results of the follow up meeting that was scheduled for September 30, 2010, to see what the WRDC Assessment Team would recommend as priorities. The Planning Coordinator stated that the Assessment Team would develop their priority list based on the comments of those who would attend the September 30th meeting. Therefore, not all of the topics found in the Assessment Report would be high priorities but they would most likely be condensed into workable priority topics.

Announcements:

Reminder of Community Assessment Follow Up Meeting on Thursday, September 30, 2010 @ the Senior Center @ 6:00pm.

Adjournment:

Motion: Randy Rossman Second: Jerry Shepperson Vote: 3-0 Time: 5:30pm