

**FERRY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
May 11, 2016**

Chairman Lorna Johnson called the May 11, 2016 meeting of the Planning Commission to order at 6:07 pm. Commissioners Sandra Richartz, Margo Locke, Johnna Exner, Kimberly Charles, Tamra Stevens and Terry Thiele were present. Irene Whipple and Dena Fletcher were present from the Planning Department.

The Planning Commission reviewed the 4/13/16 Planning Commission minutes pertaining to Richard Luther's reasonable use exception. Tamra Stevens made a motion to correct the minutes to indicate that Kimberly Charles made the motion to approve the exception with Tamra Stevens seconding the motion. Margo Locke seconded the motion to approve the minutes as corrected and it passed unanimously. Kimberly Charles made a motion to accept the 4/27/16 minutes as written. Tamra Stevens seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Planning Commission continued their review of the Draft Comprehensive Plan. After thorough review the Planning Commission made the following changes:

- Draft 3/9/16, Chapter 5:
 - Section 5.7.1 Rural Area Development Guidelines
 - Second paragraph, third sentence, change to read: "The landscape will continue to be characterized by large stretches of land..."
 - 1. c) Shoreline Areas, first paragraph, first sentence, change to read: "Lake Curlew and North and South Twin Lakes are considered areas in which more intense rural development may occur."
 - Section 5.7.2 Issues Pertaining to Rural Area Development
 - 1. First sentence, change to read: "...Critical Area Ordinance and SEPA based rules and regulations designed to protect the environment and particularly critical areas."
 - 4. Third sentence, change to read: "...fire districts, water districts and the County must all verify in writing that to the extent impacted by the development:
 - the district has the capability to provide any increased service needs, or
 - the district has entered into a mitigation agreement with the proponent...."
- Draft 3/9/16 Chapter 6:
 - Section 6.2 Essential Transportation
 - Air Transportation, second paragraph, change to read: "Airstrip transportation is essential to emergency responders and medical evacuation."
 - Emergency Services, last sentence: Delete
 - Section 6.4 Land Use and Transportation
 - Second paragraph, third sentence, change to read: "This functional plan provides information for the..."
- Draft 3/9/16 Chapter 7
 - Section 12.1 Introduction

- First paragraph, first sentence, change to read: "Ferry County's prehistoric and historic heritage..."
- Second paragraph, second sentence, change to read: "...continued use of these resources thereby maintaining a sustainable...."
- Section 12.2 Custom and Culture
 - Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, last sentence, change to read: "These Confederated Tribes have cultural ties to Idaho, Western Montana and British Columbia, Canada, as well as the Northeast portion of Washington State."
 - Old Timers, fourth sentence, change: "identify" to "identity"
 - New Comers
 - First sentence, change: "simpler" to "homesteading"
 - Third sentence, change to read: "...in the face of government mismanagement, over-reach and environmental regulations."
- Section 12.3 History of Major Industries
 - History of Agriculture, third paragraph, last sentence, remove: "and importing hay and grain for feed in order to remain economically viable."
 - History of Timber Industry, fourth and fifth sentences, change to read: "...the number of sawmills have all but disappeared, and presently only one mill operates full time. Timber harvesting and manufacturing struggle to play a role in the economy of Ferry County due to government mismanagement and over-reach."

The Planning Commission also reviewed the Critical Areas Ordinance 2016-03 and made the following changes:

- Page 2
 - Sixth paragraph, second sentence, change to read: "In order to opt out of the Growth..."
 - Seventh paragraph, change to read: "WHEREAS, in order to opt out of the Growth Management Act..."

The Draft Ferry County Development Regulations Ordinance #2016-04 was also reviewed by the Planning Commission and the following changes were made:

- Section 4.00 Definitions, remove definition: "Urban Growth Areas"
- Section 15.00 Bibliography, Section 4.00 Definitions, fourth bullet: Delete

The Planning Department also reviewed the Ferry County Public Participation Plan Resolution No. 2009-18 and made the following changes:

- Page 2
 - Header changed from: "Resoulution" to "Resolution"
 - First paragraph, change to read: "WHEREAS, the County shall establish..."
 - Second paragraph, change to read: "WHEREAS, 36.70 states...."
- Page 3, Header, third line, change to: "Relating to: Planning Enabling Act and Growth Management Act"
- Section 2.0 Scope of Plan

- First paragraph, change to read: "...specified by the State Legislature under the Planning Enabling Act, RCW 36.70 or the Growth Management Act, RCW 36.70A for preparation by the county."
- Section 3.0 Reference State Legislative Laws
 - First paragraph
 - first sentence, change to read: "The following legislative laws shall be used as the..."
 - last RCW on the list, change to read: "3.7 RCW 43.21(C).030 SEPA Guidelines for State Agencies & Local Governments."
- Section 4.0 Acronym List
 - Delete: "GMHB Growth Management Hearing Board" and any reference of it in the ordinance.
- Section 6.0 Meeting Announcements
 - First paragraph, change to read: "...pertaining to the Planning Enabling Act or Growth Management Act..."
- Section 7.0 Hearing Announcements
 - First paragraph, remove: "(Republic News Miner)"

The Planning Commission also reviewed the Ferry County Concurrency Ordinance #2001-01 and made the following changes:

- Page 2
 - First paragraph, change to read: "...required by RCW 36.70.330(2)."
 - Second paragraph, change to read: "WHEREAS, RCW 36.70.330(2), part of the Planning Enabling Act, requires..."
 - Third paragraph, change to read: "WHEREAS, RCW 36.70.330 also..."

The Planning Commissioners formed a sub-committee made up of three commissioners who wish to review the Colville National Forest Plan. They will present their comments at the Planning Commission meeting for the entire Planning Commission's approval before sending to the Forest Service.

There will be a public hearing on May 25, 2016 at 6 pm, at the Planning and Building Department regarding the proposed changes to the draft Ferry County Development Regulations Ordinance 2016-04 regarding Agricultural Lands of Long-Term Commercial Significance.

The Planning Commission adjourned at 8:42 pm. The next regular meeting of the Planning Commission will also be on May 25, 2016 at 6 pm.

