

CROOK COUNTY LAND USE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
May 12, 2008

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Kelly Dennis at 7:00 p.m. at the Hulett Town Hall, in Hulett, Wyoming. Commission members present were Chairman, Kelly Dennis, Mike O'Brien, Jeanne Whalen, and Judy Hutchinson. Also present were Tim Lyons, Fred Duncan, Stormy Burch, John A. Moline Jr., Mrs. Jespersen, Brian Wells, Mrs. Gibson, and Joseph M. Baron.

Judy Hutchinson moved to adopt the agenda as written. Mike O'Brien seconded, all ayes, motion carried.

The minutes from the April meeting were distributed and reviewed. Mike O'Brien moved to approve the April minutes as published. Jeanne Whalen seconded, all ayes, motion carried.

Joseph M. Baron, Crook County Attorney was the first agenda item. He opened his discussion by mentioning the commission was now short one member as the County Commissioners had received a letter of resignation from Trudy Pridgeon last week. He continued with discussion on due process at meetings, procedures for subdivision reviews, public notice of subdivision applications, and asked what types of plans or goals the commission had for development and land use planning regulations and enforcement.

Next was the review of the WTL No. 1 Minor Subdivision, Mrs. Jespersen and Mrs. Gibson were present to answer any questions the commission may have concerning their Minor Subdivision. Discussion was held and staff assisted the commission in reviewing the subdivision documentation that had been received. Upon completing the review of this documentation Mike O'Brien moved to approve the subdivision and make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners to approve the WTL No. 1 Minor Subdivision. Judy Hutchinson seconded, all ayes, motion carried.

Under old business the commission held discussion concerning Senate File No. 0011, Enrolled Act No. 46, Large Acreage Subdivisions. At the conclusion of this discussion Mike O'Brien moved to ask the County Attorney to prepare an opinion that would clarify the intent of this new law, and answer the question: if this was adopted by the Board of County Commissioner would it allow the county to develop regulations that would regulate large tract developments. Judy Hutchinson seconded, all ayes, motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning gravel pits.

A work session to continue the review of the Unified Comprehensive Plan Draft was scheduled for May 20, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in the Crook County Courthouse Jury Room.

Discussion was held about sending a letter to Attorney General, Alberto Gonzales concerning Crook County's request for coordination with the Bureau of Reclamation. Judy Hutchinson moved to recommend that the Board of County Commissioners prepare and send this letter. Mike O'Brien seconded, all ayes, motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning a BLM press release that stated BLM has published in the Federal Register a notice announcing the availability of the revised version of its handbook guiding implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The notice also invites the public to share comments on the NEPA Handbook, though a formal comment period on the document was not opened. Mike O'Brien moved to ask Linda Tokarczyk to draft a comment letter pertinent to the revisions to the BLM NEPA Handbook. Jeanne Whalen seconded, all ayes, motion carried.

The commission members ask staff to contact the County Clerk and ask if the WTL No. 1 Minor Subdivision could be added to the agenda for the Tuesday, May 20th Board of County Commissioner's meeting. Mike moved to authorize staff to deliver the Crook County Land Use Planning & Zoning Commission's recommendation for the WTL No. 1 Minor Subdivision to the Board of County Commissioners. Jeanne Whalen seconded, all ayes, motion carried.

Mike O'Brien moved to adjourn the meeting. Judy Hutchinson seconded, all ayes, motion carried.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. to meet in regular session Monday, June 9, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., at Donna's Diner, Moorcroft, Wyoming.

Submitted by,

Timothy R. Lyons, Growth & Development Administrator
Secretary