



PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING-December 6,
2016

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Richard Tatton
Tom Paluso
Commissioner Jake Mellor
Todd Thorne, Planning Director
Christian Bryner, Cnty. Attorney
Doris Johnston, Admin Assistant

OTHERS ATTENDING

Brady Bradford
Kirt Jensen
Norm Hanson

EXCUSED

Danny Blanton
RD Campbell
Don Torgerson

ABSENT

Reed Phillips

*The meeting was changed to an informal meeting due to No Quorum. The meeting was informational only and no decisions were made.

1) Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 4:38 pm

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Review and approval of previous meeting minutes

No motion

4) Update on the County Resource Management Plan, Shannon Ellsworth, Rural Community Consultants

Shannon Ellsworth with Rural Community Consultants explained they are contracted with Carbon County to write a Resource Management Plan that addresses 28 natural resources. The State Legislature mandated that each county develop a Natural or Environmental Resource Management Plan so that Federal agencies can coordinate with these plans. There are guidelines to do this; the State has given money to the County to do this and it needs to be completed and passed onto the Planning Commission for review and needs to be recommended to the County Commission for approval before May 1, 2017. The plan would need to be formally adopted by August 1, 2017.

Shannon explained she is working with Rex Sacco on briefings containing the findings on water, fisheries, recreation, wetlands, etc. . and this info will be passed onto the Planning Commission for their comments and suggestions. There will also be a public engagement phase to get the public's input. This plan is a chapter of the General Plan. The Planning Commissions task is to read the briefings and give their input and Rural Community Consultants will edit it.

Commissioner Jake Mellor explained the BLM is doing a Recreation and Tourism Plan for our area and asked how this fits in with this plan. Shannon explained in conversations with the BLM she felt they want to see the County's plan as it develops and incorporate the policies where feasible and they want local involvement. Shannon stated she would send the briefings via email to Todd Thorne in PDF format.

5) Review and possible approval of the 2017 Planning Commission meeting schedule.

The present Planning Commission members had no issues with the proposed calendar for 2017 and agreed this to be a tentative approval until it can be formally approved at the January meeting.

6) Open and Public meetings training for public boards. Christian Bryner

Christian Bryner conducted the training on Open and Public meetings for all Public Boards. Christian Bryner asked that the handout be sent to the members that could not attend.

7) Adjourn



Richard Tatton, Chairman