

**BONNER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
JANUARY 17, 2023**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Songstad called the Bonner County Planning Commission hearing to order at 4:30 p.m. in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, of the Bonner County Administration Building, 1500 Highway 2, Sandpoint, Idaho, via Zoom webinar, and YouTube live streaming.

**PRESENT:** Chair Allan Songstad; Commissioners Don Davis, Dave Frankenbach, and Debby Trinen.

**ABSENT:** Michael Leita

**ALSO PRESENT:** Planning Director Jacob Gabell, Assistant Director Travis Haller, Senior Planner Swati Rastogi and Hearing Coordinator Jenna Crone.

**CHANGES IN AGENDA:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Chair requested the Commissioners declare if they had any corrections or changes to the approval of minutes as written for December 6, 2022. Hearing no changes or objections, the Chair declared the minutes approved as written.

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**File AM0019-22, Bonner County Comprehensive Plan – Components Update – School Facilities & Transportation and Transportation.** The Bonner County Planning Commission is recommending an amendment to the existing Bonner County Comprehensive Plan by updating the **School Facilities & Transportation and Transportation** Components, per Idaho Code Section 67-6508, Local Land Use Planning Act.

**STAFF PRESENTATION:** Senior Planner Swati Rastogi presented a PowerPoint summary of the project and previously circulated staff report concluding that it is in accord with the general and specific objectives of the Bonner County Comprehensive Plan and Bonner County Revised Code.

**PUBLIC/AGENCY TESTIMONY:** The following members of the public spoke on the record: Matt Linscott.

**COMMISSION DELIBERATION:** The Commission discussed Findings and the Conclusion.

**MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL:** Commissioner Frankenbach moved to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners **approval** of this amendment to the Bonner County Comprehensive Plan, File AM0019-22 – update to the School Facilities & Transportation and Transportation components, finding that it **is** in accord with the requirements of Idaho Code Section 67-6508 and the procedures set forth in Idaho Code Section 67-6509 as enumerated in the following findings of fact and

conclusions of law, and based upon the evidence submitted up to the time the Staff Report was prepared and testimony received at this hearing. Commissioner Frankenbach further moved to adopt the following findings of fact and conclusions of law as written. This action does not result in a taking of private property.

Commissioner Trinen seconded the motion

**Voted** upon and the Chair declared the Motion passed, unanimously.

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**Findings of Fact:**

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1. Per Idaho Code Chapter 65, Title 67, it is the duty of the planning or planning and zoning commission to conduct a comprehensive planning process designed to prepare, implement, and review and update a comprehensive plan, hereafter referred to as the plan.
2. The Board of County Commissioners is authorized by Idaho Code, Chapter 7, Title 31, to adopt ordinances, rules and regulations "...not repugnant to law, necessary for carrying into effect or discharging the powers and duties conferred by the laws of the state of Idaho, and such as are necessary or proper to provide for the safety, promote the health and prosperity, improve the morals, peace and good order, comfort and convenience of the county and the inhabitants thereof, and for the protection of property therein..."

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**Conclusions of Law:**

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1. The proposed amendment **IS** in accord with Idaho Code Sections 67-6508 and 67-6509.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DISCUSSION/WORKSHOP:**

**Comprehensive Plan:**

1. Public comments and discussion on the suggested updates of the following components of the Comprehensive Plan (**open to public comments**):
  - **Agriculture**
    - *This component will be open to public comment on February 7, 2023*
  - **Public Airports**
    - *This component will be presented at the Public Hearing on February 21, 2023.*
  - **Population**
    - *This component will be presented at the Public Hearing on February 21, 2023.*

**PUBLIC/AGENCY TESTIMONY:** The following members of the public spoke on the record: Matt Linscott, and Mark Linscott.

The drafts of these suggested updates are available at the Planning Department's website on the Comprehensive Plan Update page.

- Discussion of the following components of the Comprehensive Plan (not open to public comments):
  - **Housing**
    - This component will be discussed by the Commission on February 7, 2023.
  - **Economic Development**
    - This component will be discussed by the Commission on February 7, 2023.

The drafts of these suggested updates are available at the Planning Department's website on the Comprehensive Plan Update page.

**DISCUSSION:**

1. Commissioner & Staff Updates
  - a. Resignation of Commissioner Pilch. The Planning Commission now has two vacant seats.
2. February 7, 2023, Agenda Items
  - a. Election of Vice Chair

At 6:40 p.m., the Chair declared the hearing adjourned until February 7, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Jacob Gabell, Planning Director

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The above Minutes are hereby approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023.

Bonner County Planning Commission

  
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Allan Songstad, Chair