

**BONNER COUNTY PLANNING and ZONING COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 1, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Davis called the Bonner County Planning and Zoning Commission hearing to order at 5:30 p.m. in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room, Ste 338, of the Bonner County Administration Building, 1500 Highway 2, Sandpoint, Idaho.

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Chair Don Davis; Vice Chair Brian Bailey; Taylor Bradish; Trevor Kempton; Sheryl Reeve; Suzanne Glasoe; and Matt Linscott

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Planning Director Milton Ollerton; Floodplain Manager Jason Johnson; Planner I Caitlyn Reeves; and Office Manager Jeannie Welter

**CHANGES IN AGENDA:** Changed meeting room from 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room to 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room, Ste 338.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Chair requested the Commissioners declare if they had any corrections or changes to the approval of minutes as written for: October 18, 2018. Hearing no changes or objections, the Chair declared the minutes approved as written.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT**

**CALL FOR VISUAL, HEARING OR OTHER IMPAIRMENT REQUIRING ASSISTANCE:** The Chair asked whether anyone needed special assistance to hear, see or participate in these proceedings. Hearing no response, the Chair continued with the public hearing.

**File C1016-18 – Conditional Use Permit – Shooting Range – Bonner County** is requesting approval of a training area including a shooting range and facility for the Bonner County Sheriff's Department. The Conditional Use Permit would be for law enforcement personnel to utilize the area to run training and field exercises on handguns and rifles. The property is approximately 44.69 acres, and accessed on Idaho Landfill Road, Oldtown, Idaho in Section 36, Township 56 North, Range 6 West, B.M.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST/DISCLOSURE DECLARATIONS:** The Chair requested the Commissioners declare any conflicts of interest or disclosures. Commissioner Glasoe recused herself from this hearing as for the past year she has been in a

personal relationship with a deputy in a neighboring state. Commissioner Bradish stated that he works for the department of lands and his management block is the land surrounding the proposed project. He stated he serves on this committee as a private citizen and he has no conflict with this file. The Chair noted that there were no additional disclosures or conflicts.

**STAFF PRESENTATION:** Planner I Caitlyn Reeves presented a PowerPoint summary of the project and previously circulated staff report, concluding this project is consistent with Bonner County Revised Code. She corrected some information in her presentation that had been incorrect in the staff report relating to services.

**APPLICANT PRESENTATION:** Project representative Bob Howard, Director of Solid Waste for Bonner County stated throughout the years it has been difficult to identify a place for the sheriff's office to conduct firearms training. He stated this property was identified as a good potential site for this purpose. He stated the property is owned by the county. He further stated that he believes the deputies have contacted most of the surrounding neighbors and state there have been no negative comments from the neighbors.

Commissioner Davis asked where the solid waste facility is located on the property. Mr. Howard stated it is the most easterly and this project is the most westerly.

Commissioner Linscott asked if there are any residents within 600 feet of the shooting range. Director Howard stated the proposal is within the standard requirements as it has actually been measured. Commissioner Davis asked where it was measured from and Mr. Howard stated it was measured from the barrier.

Commissioner Davis asked if there was any consideration to facing north instead of to the south? Mr. Howard stated they cannot face it to the north.

Commissioner Linscott as what size rounds would be shot at the facility. Sheriff Wheeler stated 45, 9mm, and 223 rounds will be shot at the site.

**PUBLIC/AGENCY TESTIMONY:** Ronald Moran stated he lives at the residence located approximately 600 feet from the range. He stated he has some concerns about stray bullets being shot at his house. Commissioner Linscott asked Mr. Moran, "Are all the lots due south of the proposal, are they already built on? Are there any vacant lots in there?" Mr. Moran stated, "No there's not". He further stated, "There's a hundred foot barrier of state land between what you're talking here and our property line, but there is a house on every single one."

Sheriff Wheeler stated there is currently a 31 foot barrier which is going to be extended even further than it is currently. People that are shooting there are trained individuals. He stated the average usage of the facility will be approximately two days per month.

**APPLICANT REBUTTAL:** None.