

**BONNER COUNTY PLANNING and ZONING COMMISSION  
PUBLIC WORKSHOP MINUTES  
JANUARY 16, 2020**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Davis called the Bonner County Planning and Zoning Commission hearing to order at 5:30 p.m. in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room 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; and Matt Linscott

**ABSENT:** Suzanne Glasoe

**ALSO PRESENT:** Planning Director Milton Ollerton; Planning Operations Manager Josh Pilch; Planner I Tessa Vogel; and Administrative Manager Jeannie Welter

**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: January 2, 2020. Hearing no changes or objections, the Chair declared the minutes approved as written.

**WORKSHOP DISCUSSION:** Planning Director Milton Ollerton explained what prompted this workshop. He stated it came from development relating to the Whiskey Jack subdivision area. He gave a brief summary of the number of divisions throughout the county in the last two years. Mr. Ollerton stated the issue of discussion tonight is roads and road standards when subdivisions are created. He stated the concern is, we are creating a situation where the burden of roads will be placed on all of the property owners.

Planning Operations Manager Josh Pilch spoke about the specific issue with the Whiskey Jack subdivision. He stated the access road is only 16 feet wide where it should be 24 feet wide. He spoke briefly about a bridge on the access road as well. He spoke about possible situations that could occur and what would happen if these situations did arise. He spoke about the topography in the surrounding area and possibilities for additional road

access. He stated the issue is, what can we do now to make these situations better.

Margaret Johnson spoke on the record about a plan from 2006. Jeff Rosenkrans spoke on the record.

Bonner County Emergency Medical Services Director Jeff Lindsey stated that the scenario of one ingress/egress is quite scary. He stated he feels like he is not the best person to speak to the road issues but rather spoke about the single ingress/egress. It is a problem now and will only continue to be a problem.

Emergency Management Director Bob Howard stated when people are evacuated it can be a mess in situations like this. He stated there are many areas in the county that only have one ingress and egress.

Director of Road & Bridges Steve Klatt spoke on the record stating Whiskey Jack road is not in the county 5 year plan for upgrades. To move it forward it will take an endorsement from the Bonner County Commissioners. He stated his department in some area of this road it is hard to maintain due to the size and limitations. He stated this infrastructure is reaching the end of its usable life span.

Ken Oler spoke on the record.

Dave Pietz spoke on the record.

Selkirk Fire Chief Dale Hopkins stated 24 feet wide is the minimum they can get fire trucks in and this is the standard we should be using.

Northside Fire Chief Brad Mitten stated there are concerns with Whiskey Jack.

Steve Morgan spoke on the record.

Pete Tobin spoke on the record.

Chair Davis gave a summary relating to this on-going issue stating it has been an issue for many years in the county. He spoke about a federal safety fund.

Steve Klatt stated that safety money and grants are directly related to statistical numbers.

Susan Kiebert stated federal safety money is handled differently than state funds.

Further discussion between the commissioners and staff.

**OPEN LINE:**

Brian Bailey shared, at a state meeting he attended, the state stats show they added 14,000 permitted residents last year. The state projected a growth rate of 1000 residents each year (ie. 15,000 in 2020, 16,000 in 2021 etc.) over the next five years.

At 7:29 p.m., the Chair declared the hearing adjourned until February 6, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,



Milton Ollerton, Planning Director

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The above Minutes are hereby approved this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020.

Bonner County Planning and Zoning Commission



Don Davis, Chair