

**BONNER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 12, 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 3<sup>rd</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; Vice Chair Don Davis; Commissioners Dave Frankenbach, Michael Leita, Matt Linscott, Debby Trinen and Randy Stolz.

**ABSENT:** None

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

**CHANGES IN AGENDA:** None

**COMMISSIONER & STAFF UPDATES:** Jake Gabell shared that Swati Rastogi will be resigning from the Planning Department at the end of the week. The Commission thanked her for all the hard work she put into the Comprehensive Plan.

**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 5, 2023**. Commissioner Linscott moved to amend the minutes to include the names of written comments read into the record. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

**Roll Call vote**

Commissioner Frankenbach	Aye
Commissioner Linscott	Aye
Commissioner Songstad	Aye
Commissioner Davis	Aye
Commissioner Leita	Aye
Commissioner Stolz	Aye
Commissioner Trinen	Aye

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**File AM0017-23 – Bonner County Comprehensive Plan – Component Update – Public Services, Facilities, and Utilities.** The Bonner County Planning Commission is recommending an amendment to the existing Bonner County Comprehensive Plan by updating the **Public Services, Facilities, and Utilities Component**, per Idaho Code Section 67-6508, Local Land Use Planning.

**STAFF PRESENTATION:** Planning Director Jake Gabell 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:** A Written comment was received by Kenneth Flint and was reviewed by the Commission during the hearing.

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

**MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL:** Commissioner Linscott moved to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners **approval** of this amendment to the Bonner County Comprehensive Plan, File AM0017-23 – update to the Public Services, Facilities, and Utilities component, as amended, 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 Linscott further moved to adopt the following findings of fact and conclusions of law as written (or as amended). This action does not result in a taking of private property.

Commissioner Leita seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Commissioner Frankenbach	Aye
Commissioner Linscott	Aye
Commissioner Songstad	Aye
Commissioner Davis	Aye
Commissioner Leita	Aye
Commissioner Stolz	Aye
Commissioner Trinen	Aye

**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.

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**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DISCUSSION/WORKSHOP:**

- o Discussion of the following components of the Comprehensive Plan (**Closed to public comments**):
  - **Natural Resources**
    - **This file will go to a Public Hearing on January 16, 2024.**
- o Discussion of the following components of the Comprehensive Plan (**Closed to public comments**):
  - **Land Use**
    - Commissioner Davis discussed Land Capacity Analysis Methodology and suggested a presentation be given at the next meeting.

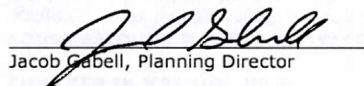
*The drafts of these suggested updates are available at the Planning Department's website on the Comprehensive Plan Update page.*

**DISCUSSION:**

1. January 16, 2024, Agenda Items
  - a. AM0015-23 Public Hearing
  - b. Land Capacity Analysis Presentation

At 7:02 p.m., the Vice Chair declared the hearing adjourned until 3:30 P.M. January 16, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jacob Gabell, Planning Director

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The above Minutes are hereby approved this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024.

Bonner County Planning Commission

 1/17/24  
Don Davis, Vice Chair