

MADISON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

To: Commissioners
From: Charity Fechter, Planning Director
Date: February 4, 2013

Subject: **Planning Board Summary –January 28, 2013**

The regular Planning Board meeting began at 6:00 p.m. with 6 members present, Richard Meehan presiding. A 7th member arrived at 6:10. Public present were: Ben Coulter, Dave Albert, Storrs Bishop. Wano Urbonas, new Madison County Sanitarian, introduced himself to the Planning Board.

- **Subdivision Pre-Application – Bishop Minor** - The proposal is to split the 28.62 acre Tract 1-A1, COS 7/2238 FC into 2 lots, one fronting on Moores Creek Road, and the other parcel maintaining its access to MT Hwy 287. Storrs Bishop will keep the shares to the ditch. Covenants have not been discussed. Much of the property is within the Moores Creek floodplain. A site visit is planned.
- **Planning Office Report**
 - Signage on County Roads – The Board would like to see the county put up road name signs on county roads. Without road name signs, finding an address becomes even more difficult.
 - Community Wildfire Protection Plan – The Board requested an update on the plan and its contents. Chris Mumme has been requested to attend to the next meeting.
- **Growth Policy Update**

The comments received are not particularly helpful as they are not specific or do not suggest changes/improvements. Comments ask that property rights be protected for “legacy landowners” (no definition given), and then propose restrictions or forced use of private property owned by others.
- **Nomination and Election of Officers**

Richard Meehan was elected president. Clyde Carroll was elected vice-president.
- **2013 Legislature**

A number of bills are being tracked. The list is lengthy, partly because of the generic placeholders. Many of those will not become bills.
- **2013 Planning Board Meeting Schedule**

The May meeting will be the 4th Tuesday, May 28. The June 24 meeting will be in Big Sky. John Fountain will help with the arrangements.
- **Large Group Functions (Potential ordinance)**

The draft based on the existing ordinance in Jefferson County was reviewed. The sizes used in definition of “Large Group Function” (1.1) should not be unnecessarily restrictive, especially in light of events at Moonlight, Relay for Life and others. The contact person in the application (3.3.a) should always be a natural person, knowledgeable about the function.
- **Planning Board Member Reports**
 - John Lounsbury – A mail-in mill levy vote will be going out in March for equipment and a new fire station for the Madison Valley Fire Department. He requested that we follow up a previous conversation and have someone like Rock Ringling talk to the Board about conservation easements.
 - John Fountain – reported there are now 10 families living in Ennis full-time, 5 of them with kids. They are going to want services for the tax dollars they spend. They’re questioning why there is no adult education at Big Sky.
 - Kate Schwend – reported several workshops focused on land/soil health are being held in both the Ruby and Madison districts.

The meeting adjourned at 7:335 p.m.