

SUMMARY
Big Horn County Land Use Plan Steering Committee
Second Meeting – April 24, 2008
7:00-9:00 p.m., Sheriff's Office, Basin, WY

Persons Present

- Committee Members: Mary Flitner, Mike Hinckley, Carol Lowe, Ron McArthur, Debbi McKim, Tim Mills, Sr., Dave Monk, Casey Nelson, Dave Neves, Charles Hessenthaler
 - Consultants: Ken Markert, Anne Cossitt
 - County Planner: Jim Waller
 - Public: Brad Tippetts, Brenda TenBoer
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Brief Summary

Committee members met to review draft reports on Population and Housing.

Decisions/Action Items

1. Committee agreed that, based on current situation, county-wide population growth over the next 20 years is likely somewhere between the moderate and strong scenarios (as presented in the Population report).
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Other Discussion (not decision items)

- If the highest population in the county was in the 1950s, how is it we got by with two county law enforcement back then, but now we have 20 and they can't keep up?
 - People in their mid-50s and older are coming back to Big Horn County to live.
 - The excellent internet capabilities in this county are/will be a real draw for people who want to move to a more rural setting to work from home.
 - The water system in the county makes it easier for people to build outside of city limits.
 - Concern about water availability and leaks in the systems.
 - How do we encourage the towns to promote in-fill and more residential development (instead of in the unincorporated areas)?
 - Lots in towns vary in quality—who wants to build a nice home if houses next door are run down?
 - Affordability will force more people to purchase mobiles and cheaper homes.
 - Junk and garbage around homes and lots—that's something the land use plan should address.
 - Increasing taxes are an issue (as home values rise).
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Next Steps

Committee will meet on May 22 in Lovell to review more "inventory" results from consultants.

Corrections

If you would like to make a correction or addition to this summary, please contact Ken Markert (307-587-4480) by no later than May 22.