MINUTES OF MEETING OF
WASHINGTON COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION
Held March 7, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers—City Hall Building

This public meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by David Hoar. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jim Day and Thomas Scifres led the group in prayer. In attendance at the start of the meeting were members David Hoar, Eric Rusby, Scott Maudlin, John Mishler, Jim Day, Jeff Souder, Lane Freiberger and Brad Shelton. Member Adam Dufour was absent.

The first order of business was approval of minutes for the February 7, 2011 meeting. Thomas Scifres read the minutes aloud. He also made note of an inaccuracy on the vote on Rules of Procedure Committee on page two (2) paragraph three (3). John Mishler made a motion for the approval of said minutes subject to the changing of the vote on Rules of Procedure Committee from 6-0 to 7-0. Eric Rusby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The next order of business was the janitorial bill for the use of the room at Salem High School for the seminar. Thomas Scifres reported he was working with Adam Dufour to get a copy of that bill, for submission to the County Commissioners.

President David Hoar stated that the Rules and Procedures committee had met and had come up with a draft. Eric Rusby stated that he had made some proposed revisions and sent them to Thomas Scifres. Thomas Scifres reported that Adam Dufour had also sent a revised draft earlier that day which would be projected during the meeting for review by the entire Commission.

Eric Rusby reported he had a discussion with Travis Elliott, Washington Building Commissioner, of retaining the title of Plan Director and serving as the point person for the Commission and an office as central depository.

Attorney Scifres next reviewed the Rules and Procedures draft. The progress of the committee was discussed through a detailed review of the status of the draft document. After a significant amount of time, a brief recess was called and the members reassembled.

It was agreed that a continuance of such a detailed review before a final draft was completed was not fruitful. By general consensus, only the general topics of the Rules of Procedure draft were reviewed further. It was agreed that the committee would finish draft revisions and circulate to the entire Commission before the next meeting.

At this time members of the public, Don Hacker and Max Greene, commented on concerns about the definition of subdivisions and sought assurances that divisions among family members would be exempted, or handled less stringently than other non-family subdivisions.

David Hoar stated he would like to appoint a committee to work on a subdivision ordinance. Jeff Souder suggested 3-5 members on this committee at the maximum. Lane Freiberger and John Mishler volunteered for this committee. It was suggested that a member of the Highway Department take part on this committee. Jeff Souder inquired about opening the committee to persons outside of the Commission, or having an advisory citizen's committee. The advisory citizen's committee was deemed the best way to go. Jim Day suggested including a realtor.

President Hoar then mentioned that he had spoken with Terry McNeely from the Salem Plan Commission and that there were concerns that the interests of various watershed districts be represented in the process. He then further suggested a representative of water sheds, Russell Brown, be included on the land use/zoning subcommittee and Scott Maudlin representing agriculture participate on that as well. Don Hacker expressed the desire to work with a subdivision ordinance advisory committee. David Hoar finally requested that Jim Day work on Land Use and he agreed.

A member from the public, Don Hacker, complimented this method of proceeding, noting that during the development of the Comprehensive Plan, public input seemed quite limited and was very regimented. Attorney Scifres pointed out that there was a grant with a deadline to complete to

Comprehensive Plan, and the fast pace of the development of the Comprehensive Plan was necessary to meet.

At this time, Jeff Souder was appointed to head the Subdivision Control committee; Brad Shelton was appointed to head Land Use; and Scott Maudlin was appointed to lead the water shed use issues. Lane Freiberger expressed an interest in Land Use. David Hoar asked that the three (3) leaders give a short report at next meeting.

With there being no further business, Eric Rusby made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Jeff Souder seconding. With an 8-0 vote the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

David Hoar, President

Eric Rusby

Lane Freiberger

Scott Maudlin

John Mishler

Adam DuFour

Jim Day

Jeff Souder

Brad Shelton

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