

FREMONT COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC HEARING

FREMONT COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CODE

APPENDIX J PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR GRAVEL MINE, PIT MINE, OR QUARRY

Date: October 7, 2009
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Fremont County Annex Building

Attended by: Commissioners Paul Romrell, Skip Hurt, and Lee Miller

Also in attendance: Clerk Abbie Mace, Planning & Building Planner I Lisa Benson

Commissioner Romrell welcomed everyone to the Public Hearing and stated the purpose of the hearing is to take public comment for the Amendment to the Fremont County Development Code – Appendix J Performance Standards for Gravel Mine, Pit Mine, or Quarry. The proposed document's purpose is to provide a regulatory context (standards) for extraction of gravel resources serving development needs in Fremont County.

Commissioner Romrell asked Clerk Abbie Mace if proper notice was provided for this hearing. Clerk Mace indicated yes it was.

Commissioner Romrell asked if any of the Board of Commissioners have a conflict of interest on this proposal. None were given.

Commissioner Romrell gave instruction of how the hearing will be conducted. He excused Planning & Building Administrator Kurt Hibbert, Planner II Joshua Chase, and Attorney Joette Lookabaugh.

Commissioner Romrell asked Planning & Building Representative Lisa Benson to give the administrator's report.

Ms. Benson gave her report. She indicated that the Planning & Building staff supports the recommendations of the Planning & Zoning Board, to pass the proposed amendment.

Commissioner Romrell questioned if changes are highlighted in yellow.

Commissioner Hurt asked if in the work meeting they could ask questions of staff at that time.

Commissioner Romrell stated to have the questions asked on the record.

Commissioner Hurt asked questions on solid waste in the pits. He is concerned with the back haul. He would like 11. Solid Waste Storage and Disposal to state that we do not allow back haul of solid waste.

Ms. Benson answered that they would have to reapply for a permit to allow that.

Commissioner Hurt questioned 3. Security for Value of Reclamation. He is concerned with the amount of time the bond is held.

Ms. Benson stated it is held by the State.

Commissioner Hurt questioned 7. Buffering Standards. He is concerned with Appendix K.

Ms. Benson stated that Appendix K is under amendment at this time. It will be addressed in Planning & Zoning commission meeting this month.

Commissioner Hurt questioned 8. b. Fish and Game Coordination. He is concerned he would like this removed from the document. He does not want F&G regulating county policy.

Ms. Benson deferred this to Administrator Kurt Hibbert for clarification.

Commissioner Hurt questioned 9. Riparian Vegetation. He is concerned that it does not give any design standards.

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Commissioner Hurt does not see anything to talk about berms. He would like to see the language stronger on the requirements. Especially in reference to properties that border the State Highway.

Ms. Benson stated that it is in the Appendix K revision.

Commissioner Romrell asked when Appendix K is going to be coming to them

Ms. Benson stated it will be before the Planning & Zoning Commission this month.

Commissioners voiced concerns that Appendix J and K should have come through the process together. They discussed possibly holding the work meeting in November or in October. They decided to have their work meeting in October and decide if they were ready to make a decision on this.

Commissioner Miller feels they need to be addressed at the same time (Appendix J and K)

Commissioner Romrell asked why they came at separate time.

Ms. Benson state Administrator Kurt Hibbert stated he wished they had come through the process together.

Commissioner Hurt states he feels they can address these items together.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Copies of the proposed document were given to the public in attendance.

Commissioner Romrell closed the public comment section.

Commissioner Romrell thanked everyone for coming and closed the hearing. He stated the work meeting to review comments from this hearing will be held in the Commissioner Room on October 19, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. He thanked those in attendance for their input in the process getting to this point.

Paul Romrell, Chairman
Fremont County Commission

Attest: _____
Abbie Mace, Clerk