

WEEKLY REVIEW

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 12, 2022



This document is a weekly review of the Board of County Commissioners meeting, Tuesday, April 12, 2022. Information related to agenda changes, Consent Agenda, and Public Comment are on the [County website](#).

Public Hearing

Benton County Commissioner District Redistricting – Adam Fyall, Sustainable Development Manager; Kyle Johnson, GIS Technician II; & Dr. Maricela Sanchez, Redistricting Committee Chair

Commissioners held a public hearing on the Redistricting Plan for adoption of new County Commissioner districts. The hearing will be continued to next week, with final action to be taken at that time (April 19, 2022). Staff briefed the Board on the redistricting process, including information about the all-volunteer Redistricting Committee of citizens that assisted in development of the three (3) alternative district maps for consideration. The Redistricting Committee and staff recommended adoption of the Redistricting Plan (Alternative 1). **The Board moved and seconded to continue the public hearing for one week, to be reopened at 9:00 AM, Tuesday, April 19, 2022, in the third floor Board Room at the Courthouse in Prosser. Motion carried.**

Comprehensive Plan Amendment 2022-001 – Michelle Cooke, Planning Manager

The Planning Division and the Planning Commission are forwarding a Comprehensive Plan Amendment application to the Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation for approval. The proposed application will modify the Comprehensive Plan designation of six (6) contiguous parcels (1-2380-201-2006-002; 1-2380-201-2006-001; 1-2380-201-2157-002; 1-2380-201-2157-001; 1-2380-200-0014-000; and 1-2380-200-0017-000) from Rural Industrial to Rural Remote. The proposal will revise and update *Appendix A Map Folio Figure 5 - 2017 Periodic Update Land Use Designations Map* of the Benton County Comprehensive Plan. A rezone of the properties from the current Heavy Industrial zoning designation to a Rural Lands Five Acre zoning designation will be required after the Comprehensive Plan Amendment process is completed. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on March 8, 2022, and after taking testimony and discussion among the Commission members they voted unanimously to forward a recommendation for approval of the proposed amendments subject to fourteen (14) Findings of Fact. **The Board moved and seconded to adopt the Planning Commission's Findings & Conclusions as its own and approve the application for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment as noted in Casefile CPA 2022-001 and authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution. Motion carried.**

Comprehensive Plan Amendment 2022-002 – Michelle Cooke, Planning Manager

The Planning Division and the Planning Commission are forwarding a Comprehensive Plan Amendment application to the Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation for approval. The proposed application will modify the Comprehensive Plan Designation of three (3) contiguous parcels from Rural Remote to Rural Industrial. Specifically, the Comprehensive Plan's Land Use Designation of parcels 105803012350003, 105803012350002, and 108801020004003 will change from Rural Remote to Rural Industrial. It will revise and update *Appendix A Map Folio Figure 5 - 2017 Periodic Update Land Use Designations Map* of the Benton County Comprehensive Plan. A rezone of the properties from the current Rural Lands Five Acre zoning designation to an Industrial zoning designation will be required after the Comprehensive Plan Amendment process is completed. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on March 8, 2022, and after taking testimony and discussion among the Commission members they voted unanimously to forward a recommendation for approval of the proposed amendments subject to thirteen (13) Findings of Fact. **The Board moved and seconded to adopt the Planning Commission's Findings & Conclusions as its own and approve the application for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment as noted in Casefile CPA 2022-002 and authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution. Motion carried.**

Comprehensive Plan Amendment 2022-003 – Michelle Cooke, Planning Manager

The Planning Division and the Planning Commission are forwarding a Comprehensive Plan Amendment application to the Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation for approval. The proposed application will modify the Comprehensive Plan Designation of seven (7) contiguous parcels from Rural Commercial to Rural Industrial. Specifically, the Comprehensive Plan's Land Use Designation of Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13 of the Plat of Cottonwood Commercial Plaza will change from Rural Commercial to Rural Industrial. It will revise and update *Appendix A Map Folio Figure 5 - 2017 Periodic Update Land Use Designations Map* of the Benton County Comprehensive Plan. A rezone of the properties from the current Interchange Commercial zoning designation to an Industrial zoning designation will be required after the Comprehensive Plan Amendment process is completed. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on March 8, 2022, and after taking testimony and discussion among the Commission members they voted unanimously to forward a recommendation for approval of the proposed amendments subject to thirteen (13) Findings of Fact. **The Board moved and seconded to adopt the Planning Commission's Findings & Conclusions as its own and approve the application for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment as noted in Casefile CPA 2022-003 and authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution. Motion carried.**

Comprehensive Plan Amendment 2022-004 – Michelle Cooke, Planning Manager

The Planning Division and the Planning Commission are forwarding a Comprehensive Plan Amendment application to the Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation for approval. The proposed application is to amend the text and Map Folio of the Benton County Comprehensive Plan regarding Urban Land Use Designations. Specifically, the amendment adds language to Section 3.3.1.1, Urban Land Use Designation, clarifying Benton County has five designated and approved Urban Growth Areas. The amendment further adds a map for each existing Urban Growth Area to Appendix A – Map Folio. The application also proposes the correction of five (5) mapping errors on the County's Land Use Map, *Appendix A, Figure 5 – 2017 Periodic Update Land Use Designation Map*. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on March 8, 2022, and after taking testimony and discussion among the Commission members they voted unanimously to forward a recommendation for approval of the proposed amendments subject to ten (10) Findings of Fact. **The Board moved and seconded to adopt the Planning Commission's Findings & Conclusions as its own and approve the application for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment as noted in Casefile CPA 2022-004 and authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution. Motion carried.**

Scheduled Business

Establish Construction Manager Position – Robert Blain, Director of Operations & Capital Assets & Lexi Wingfield, HR Manager

Following previous conversations with the Board, the Director of Operations and Capital Assets has identified a need to create a Construction Manager position and has worked with the Human Resources Department to create the presented classification description, determine placement on the non-bargaining salary schedule as a Grade 25, and request a line-item transfer to fund the position (reallocating existing Professional Services funding). **The Board moved and seconded to approve the Construction Manager classification description as presented, to approve the resolution establishing the Construction Manager as a grade 25 on the Benton County Non-Bargaining Salary Schedule, and to approve the line-item transfer within the Capital Projects budget. Motions carried.**

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