

**Adams County Planning & Zoning Meeting
December 19, 2011 7:00 p.m.
Adams County Courthouse**

Present

Ferrel Crossley	Donna Campbell
Micki Eby	Don Horton
Brad Dreyer	Jeff Batten
Christy Ward	Penny Fisk

Absent

Bill Shore
Jerry Lee
Pam Murphy

Guests

Chairman Ferrel Crossley called the regular meeting of the Adams County Planning Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on December 19, 2011. Secretary, Penny Fisk was at the courtroom of the Adams County Courthouse. The council members attended through a conference call.

The council members discussed the training session held in October. All members agreed that the training was very good and felt that the training should be repeated every year or two, preferably in the evening or on a Saturday. Don Horton said that he receives notices of other trainings around the state and will pass this information on to council members.

Council members discussed the differences between receiving comments only before the meeting or for ten days after the meeting, as we do now. The need to make sure those attending the hearing and consideration are aware that all members have copies of these comments was also discussed. Members also discussed the need to make sure the zoning of the property is correct and to inform the public that the zoning of the property guides the uses of the property. Don Horton reminded the council members that the county ordinances currently require the 10 day comment period.

Another issue discussed was the possibility of having an attorney present at every hearing. Don told council members that he uses a legal firm from Boise and it would be too expensive to have an attorney attend every meeting. He suggested that if there was a controversial application that the council members could ask for the attorney to attend that meeting. The question of land being properly surveyed was brought up and Don said that plats are reviewed by two surveyors for accuracy before they are signed.

Don Horton said that he did not have any new business.

Jeff Batten said that things were also slow in his office.

Brad Dryer moved that the minutes from the August 15, 2011 meeting be approved with one correction. Christy Ward seconded the motion, which passed with all five members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Crossley adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m. The next meeting will be held on January 16, 2012. The meeting will be held by telephone conference, unless new business comes in.

Penny Fisk,
P&Z Secretary