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"Building Partnerships – Building Communities"

### **CDS STUDY SESSION MINUTES August 24, 2009**

THOSE PRESENT: Alan Crankovich, Mark McClain, Paul Jewell (BOCC) Mandy Weed, Dan Valoff (CDS) Kirk Holmes, Kelly Carlson, Christina Wollman (PW) Brenda Larsen (FM) Cathy Bambrick (PH) Neil Caulkins (PROS)

GUESTS PRESENT: None

#### **Hearing Examiner/Board of Adjustment Discussion**

Valoff stated he wanted the board's thoughts on replacing the Board of Adjustment (BOA) with the Hearing Examiner (HE). He stated that the HE meets twice a month and the BOA meets only once a month and we are having a lot of issues with getting a quorum. Valoff stated that the HE is able to create better findings and records and projects would be better suited for the HE especially when there are SEPA appeals. Commissioner Crankovich questioned if SEPA appeals would go to the HE. Valoff stated that there are two actions required under SEPA so that would be difficult. Commissioner Jewell questioned why they are separated. Neil stated by statute under GMA. Commissioner McClain stated that he is for it but would want to see some further documentation. Commissioner Jewell stated that he would like to see what other counties are doing.

No action taken.

#### **Wind Turbine Policy Discussion**

Kirk stated that we have received some large wind turbine projects and we have tried to determine if they are major or minor systems. The 2 applications that we have in right now are both located within the UGA and the rotors are 62 feet in diameter. Kirk stated that he was bringing this to the board to update them and we will discuss this further and create policy as we may be seeing more of them and we want to be able to give applicants clear direction. Valoff stated that this will also be in the 2009 Comp Plan amendments.

No action taken.

#### **Hydro Geologic Assessments**

Cathy stated that regarding the rule for plats in the upper county that they created 2 mock applications to find out what the report would entail. Cathy stated that the report talks about the aquifer and the type of water system.

No action taken.

**APPROVED**  
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