Board members present: Chairman Paul Jewell, Vice-Chairman Alan Crankovich and Commissioner Obie O'Brien.

Others: Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Phil Hess, Consulting Forester; Bruce & Kim Coe, Applicant.

PUBLIC HEARING
OPEN SPACE TIMBER - COE
COMMISSIONERS

At 2:00 p.m. Chairman Jewell opened a Public Hearing to consider a Current Use Open Space Timber Application received from Bruce and Kim Coe (16565 (3.00 acres) 20-17-33000-0017; 16564 (3.42 acres) 20-17-33000-0016; 953887 (2.16 acres) 20-17-33000-0029; 16563 (3.25 acres) 20-17-33000-0015; 953886 (2.10 acres) 20-17-33000-0028; 14083 (9.60 acres) 20-17-32040-0002; 445635 (13.53 acres) 20-17-33000-0004; 14084 (4.83 acres) 20-17-32040-0003 & 0386).

MANDY ROBINSON, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD gave a staff report reviewing the Open Space Timber application from Bruce and Kim Coe (16565 (3.00 acres) 20-17-33000-0017; 16564 (3.42 acres) 20-17-33000-0016; 953887 (2.16 acres) 20-17-33000-0029; 16563 (3.25 acres) 20-17-33000-0015; 953886 (2.10 acres) 20-17-33000-0028; 14083 (9.60 acres) 20-17-32040-0002; 445635 (13.53 acres) 20-17-33000-0004; 14084 (4.83 acres) 20-17-32040-0003 & 0386). She said the application had been submitted along with a Forest Land Stewardship Plan and the required $300.00 filing fee.

PHIL HESS, CONSULTING FORESTER, REPRESENTING THE APPLICANT said he had prepared a Forest Management Plan for the Coe's. He reviewed additions to the plan that he has added for the Board's benefit and consideration. He reviewed the table on the cover of the plan reflecting the breakdown of the Open Space and Open Space Timber noting the Coe's have an additional application pending for consideration for Current Use Open Space. He reviewed the additions to the table of contents and noted the application that is before the Board meets the Department of Revenue (DOR) guidelines. He stated that the applicant's ultimate goal is to grow and harvest timber. He reviewed the aerial photos he provided in the plan on pages 7 & 8 to show the stands and reviewed pages 9 - 16 highlighting the recommendations for stands 1-5. He noted that page 16 is new to his Forest Management Plans and it covers the commercial timber harvest considerations.

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COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN questioned stand one and stand five, noting the extensive mistletoe. He questioned what the impact would be to the mistletoe if the commercial thinning was to begin. He questioned at what rate the mistletoe would spread once the commercial thinning was to begin. COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH questioned if pruning stand one for pre-commercial thinning, what would the impact be to the mistletoe. He questioned when the commercial process would start.

BRUCE COE, 3492 HIDDEN VALLEY ROAD, APPLICANT noted that the Firewise ordinance wasn’t covered in the Forest Management Plan. He stated the first step was to begin fire protection and manage those requirements. He stressed his support for the Firewise program and what it regulates.

COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN questioned the correlation between mistletoe infection and fire risk.

THERE BEING NO OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

AGREEMENT OPEN SPACE TIMBER - COE COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH moved to approve an Open Space Taxation Agreement with Bruce and Kim Coe for (16565 (3.00 acres) 20-17-33000-0017; 16564 (3.42 acres) 20-17-33000-0016; 953887 (2.16 acres) 20-17-33000-0029; 16563 (3.25 acres) 20-17-33000-0015; 953886 (2.10 acres) 20-17-33000-0028; 14083 (9.60 acres) 20-17-32040-0002; 445635 (13.53 acres) 20-17-33000-0004; 14084 (4.83 acres) 20-17-32040-0003 & 0386), as presented. COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN seconded. COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH expressed his appreciation in regards to a thorough application. COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN agreed and stated that he was pleased with how extensive the application was. COMMISSIONER JEWELL stated how he enjoyed reading the plan and appreciated the additions made by Mr. Hess. Motion carried 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:21 p.m.