

Agenda for BOCC Update

Department: Community Development

Date: 07/11/2017

Time: 9:00am

Present: Lee Napier, Doyle Sanford, and Eric Eisenberg

Note Taker: Lee Napier

Updates and Actions:

1. Permit Process and Tracking-Monthly report

Lee presented the permit trackers to the Commissioners. She indicated applications and issued permits continue to be up from this time last year

2. Building Code Update

Doyle reviewed the proposed changes with the Board. The following questions were asked:

- Do updated code make it more difficult to get permits? Generally no. The Energy Code is the most substantive change that might be more difficult for builders.*
- Does the energy code requires a blower door test? Yes. This is an extra cost to the homeowner. Doyle explained this test to the Board.*
- Are there variances or deviation to code when the conditions warrant that option? Yes. The Building Official has that discretion.*
- Is everything applicable to Lewis County?*

Doyle explained the code composition is the Internal Code as the foundation together with the work by WABO on the Washington State Codes.

The draft ordinance proposes replacing the volunteer Board of Appeals with a contracted Hearing Examiner. The benefit is that for the occasional call, a hearing examiner is more readily available.

3. Topics for next update currently scheduled for 08/08/2017

Actions to be requested: None.