



# Payette County Comprehensive Plan

PUBLIC OUTREACH EVENT NO.1 (12/08/2020, 6:00 – 7:00 P.M.)

## *Participants (Total 61):*

- Sheri Freemuth, J-U-B Engineers
- Caroline Mellor, TLG/J-U-B Engineers
- Addison Coffelt, J-U-B Engineers
- Patti Nitz, Payette County Administrator
- Mary Butler, Payette County staff
- Chad Brock, New Plymouth
- Leslie Teunessin, Local Business Owner
- Jennifer Riebe, Planning and Zoning Commissioner
- Craig Smith, Planning and Zoning Commissioner
- JoAnne Smith, Chairman of the Payette Soil and Water Conservation District
- Rudy Endrikat, former County Commissioner
- Fred Visser, Sand Hollow resident/ Local Business Owner
- Karen Riley, Planning and Zoning Commissioner
- Chad Henggeler, Chair, Planning and Zoning Commission
- Farrell Rawlings, Former Planning and Zoning Commissioners
- Kevin Border, New Plymouth resident
- Jeff Williams, local business owner and Mayor of Payette
- Rick York, Mayor of New Plymouth
- Ken Bishop, Former Mayor of Fruitland
- Danielle Hass, paralegal for the USDOJ
- Paul Riebe
- Dale Williamson
- Roxanna Cline
- Ron Teach (Faith Teach)
- Charles (Chuck) Gates
- Cindy McLeran
- Eric Blackmun
- Case Millspaugh
- Deniese
- Lynna Lundy
- Mike Smith
- Patricia Peterson
- Frazer Peterson, P&Z Commissioner
- Robert Barowsky, Mosquito Abatement
- Gary
- Lynae and Randy Frates
- Kari Peterson
- Jennifer Bivert
- Wayne Ellis
- Stuart Reitz
- Kit Kamo
- Travis Evenden
- Lisa and Pat Higby
- Sharon
- Annette Graysen
- Perk
- Judy
- Pete Morgan, P&Z Commissioner
- Kent
- Dell Winegar, P&Z Commissioner
- Proctor
- DeVore Academy
- Bruce Rhodes
- Jayme Rhodes
- James Riebe
- Barbara
- Brian Molthen
- David Holm
- Ron L. Shurtleff
- Frank Teunissin

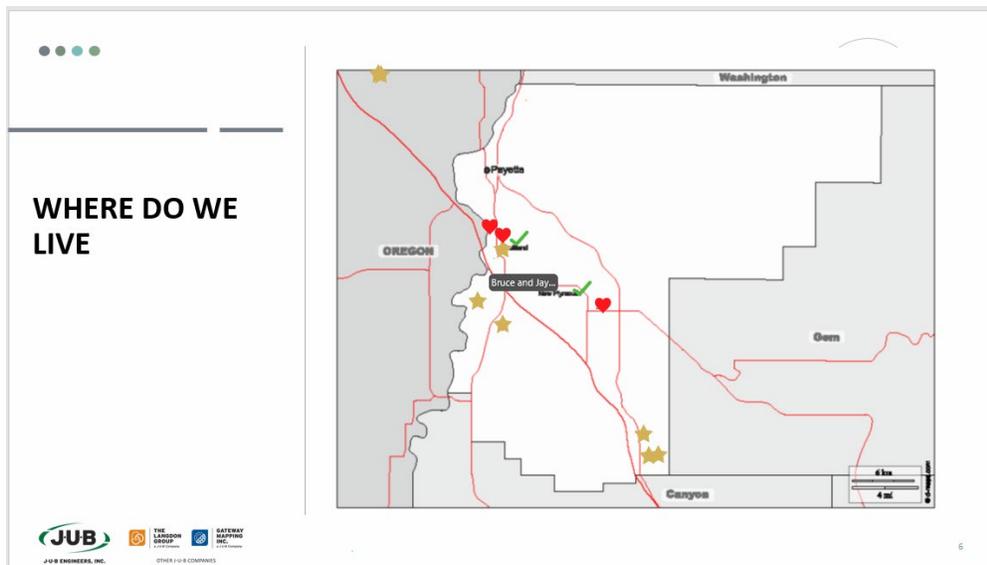


## Meeting Goals

- For the public to understand purpose and impact of the Payette County Comprehensive Plan
- To explain the Comprehensive Plan update process and public input options throughout
- Gather input to inform the vision statement and goals for Payette County
- Understand the concerns of area residents

## Introductions/Annotation Activity

Payette County and J-U-B staff introduced themselves, the purpose of the event and the agenda for the meeting. Facilitator Caroline Mellor, The Langdon Group (TLG)/J-U-B Engineers, provided a Zoom orientation and attendees were walked through an exercise to virtually stamp the area of the County where they live. The screenshot of the activity demonstrates the wide representation of members of the public at the event from areas across the County.



## Comprehensive Plan – Overview and Process

Sheri Freemuth, J-U-B, provided an overview of a Comprehensive Plan (Plan) and the elements required in the State of Idaho.

Freemuth highlighted the following Plan aspects:

- a Provide a 10 – 20-year guide to the County's future
- b Assess current conditions for plan components (Land Use, Natural Resources, Economic Development etc.)
- c Analyze future trends and address public concerns
- d Articulate a Vision, Goals, Objectives and Strategies



She also emphasized the importance of the Plan for the public and the use of public input throughout the Plan process. She noted the following aspects of public involvement in the Plan:

- a The best plan is prepared with the involvement of:
  - Residents
  - Community groups
  - Public agencies
- b Members of the public provide the information necessary to:
  - Reflect community interests and values
  - Establish a vision and direction
  - Identify goals and objectives
- c The plan applies to you:
  - Addresses your issues with real strategies
  - Establishes Future Land Use Map

### *Future Land Use Map*

Freemuth explained that a new Future Land Use Map will be created as part of the Plan update process. She clarified that the Plan scope encompasses the entire County except the cities of Payette, Fruitland and New Plymouth. They have their own comprehensive plans that apply inside Areas of City Impact. During the meeting, Freemuth highlighted 2006 Future Land Use Map and shared that this is not the same as a Zoning map, but that an update to the Zoning map would be recommended after the new Future Land Use Map is complete and adopted.

### *Plan Timeline*

Freemuth walked the attendees through the Plan update timeline and the future opportunities for additional public involvement. The next public outreach event will occur in Spring 2021 and again in Summer 2021.



### *Vision and Challenges – Overview and Input Opportunity*

Mellor provided an overview of the concept of Vision Statements and the use of a list of challenges to inform Goals and Objectives as guiding principles for the Plan and future implementation. She highlighted that a Vision Statement should be the basis for goal setting: inspiring and hopeful, easily understood, shared by the community and brief yet broad. Mellor explained the draft Vision Statement



was developed from a combination of the themes from the 2019 survey administered by the County (350 responses) and from the input of the Citizen Advisory Committee.

Draft Vision Statement: *In 2040, Payette County is a thriving rural area that supports vital communities, conserves natural resources, and leverages a prosperous agricultural economy to ensure a healthy lifestyle for residents and visitors alike.*

Mellor conducted a Zoom Poll that asked participants, *“Do you feel the proposed vision statement accurately reflects your vision for Payette County over the next 10 years?”*

The poll results illustrate the majority of respondents support the existing draft Vision Statement.

Response Options	Participant Responses	Percentage of Poll Participants
Yes!	20	53%
Somewhat Yes	10	26%
Neutral	4	11%
Somewhat Disagree	3	8%
Strongly Disagree	1	3%
Total	38	100%

Mellor walked participants through the categories of draft challenges for Payette County and administered interactive polls for each category. Between 77-88% of attendees participated in each poll. She emphasized that while some of the challenges and future goals may seem in conflict with each other, that the structure of the Plan will illustrate the ways different goals and Plan elements will interact and function cohesively.

**Proposed List of Challenges – Agriculture**

- Addressing impacts of residential growth on agricultural use
- Protecting farmland while allowing landowners to have control over their land
- Helping older farmers who want to retire and young families who want to start farming

Poll question: *Do you feel the proposed list of Agricultural challenges accurately reflects your goals for Payette County over the next 10 years?*

Response Options	Participant Responses	Percentage of Poll Participants
Yes!	21	58%
Somewhat Yes	9	25%
Neutral	2	6%
Somewhat Disagree	2	6%
Strongly Disagree	2	6%
Total	36	100%

**Proposed List of Challenges – Land Use**



- Working with cities to encourage commercial uses and residential subdivisions (where public services are provided)
- Managing growth with proper planning
- Protecting property rights
- Finding a balance between home businesses and residents seeking solitude
- Balancing new development while maintaining a rural lifestyle.

Poll question: *Do you feel the proposed list of Land Use challenges accurately reflects your goals for Payette County over the next 10 years?*

Response Options	Participant Responses	Percentage of Poll Participants
Yes!	15	42%
Somewhat Yes	12	34%
Neutral	4	11%
Somewhat Disagree	2	6%
Strongly Disagree	2	6%
Total	35	100%

Proposed List of Challenges – Transportation and Public Services

- Supporting public safety for a growing population (law enforcement, fire/EMS)
- Managing increased use of roads to ensure safety and efficiency
- Finding new and diverse transportation connections (airport? commuter vans? bike/pedestrian paths?)

Poll Question: *Do you feel the proposed list of Transportation and Public Services challenges accurately reflects your goals for Payette County over the next 10 years?*

Response Options	Participant Responses	Percentage of Poll Participants
Yes!	15	41%
Somewhat Yes	13	35%
Neutral	7	19%
Somewhat Disagree	1	3%
Strongly Disagree	1	3%
Total	37	100%

Proposed List of Challenges – Economic Development

- Providing sustainable work force job opportunities
- Supporting small businesses; encouraging new shops and restaurants
- Attracting new businesses and talent
- Identifying appropriate sites for clean energy generating industries



Poll Question: *Do you feel the proposed list of Economic Development challenges accurately reflects your goals for Payette County over the next 10 years?*

Response Options	Participant Responses	Percentage of Poll Participants
Yes!	19	53%
Somewhat Yes	11	31%
Neutral	4	11%
Somewhat Disagree	1	3%
Strongly Disagree	1	3%
Total	36	100%

Proposed List of Challenges – Natural Resources, Parks, Recreation and Open Space

- Developing more community inclusive activity sites with parks, trails, sportsman access points and amenities, including recreational activities
- Protecting waterways and providing more opportunities for public use
- Protecting existing irrigation and drainage systems

Poll Question: *Do you feel the proposed list of Natural Resources, Parks, Recreation and Open Space challenges accurately reflects your goals for Payette County over the next 10 years?*

Response Options	Participant Responses	Percentage of Poll Participants
Yes!	26	67%
Somewhat Yes	9	23%
Somewhat Disagree	2	5%
Neutral	1	3%
Strongly Disagree	1	3%
Total	39	100%

Proposed List of Challenges – Additional Community Concerns

- Opportunities for existing and new residents to secure adequate and diverse housing
- Providing opportunities for a diverse population
- Providing a safe place to raise a family and educate our children
- Supporting senior citizens through enhanced programs and livable communities

Poll Question: *Do you feel the proposed list of Additional Community Concerns challenges accurately reflects your goals for Payette County over the next 10 years?*

Response Options	Participant Responses	Percentage of Poll Participants
Yes!	11	30%
Somewhat Yes	16	43%
Neutral	5	14%



Somewhat Disagree	3	8%
Strongly Disagree	2	5%
Total	37	100%

### *Discussion and Question and Answer Session*

Facilitator Mellor led a discussion on participant concerns and ideas related to the vision, draft challenges and overall ideas for Payette County over the next 10 years. Discussion items included:

- Agriculture and Growth -
  - Interest for the County to actively manage growth and for the County to actively preserve farmland
  - Concern for the way Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program is currently used in the County and subsequent perceived impacts on the fragmentation of agricultural land
  - For the County to be intentional with the locations of housing, commercial and industrial development
  - Interest for new development to pay impact fees and for infrastructure needs
- Natural Resources -
  - Increased options for river and recreation access
  - For any goals related to energy development to prioritize clean energy over oil and gas
- Transportation –
  - For the County to use any tools under County jurisdiction to alleviate impacts from the growth of traffic on Highway 95, including:
    - Light pollution
  - Support needed for residents to travel across the County and to neighboring areas, such as to medical appointments; need for low-cost options
- Noise and Light Pollution - General concerns about the effect of growth on quality of life

### *Next Steps*

- a **Public Outreach Event #2**– Spring 2021. Look for advertisements on all County channels beforehand. Contact Planning & Zoning to join the interested parties list for alerts.
- b **Contact Planning and Zoning Office** for more info
  - a. <https://payettecounty.org/departments/planning-and-zoning>
  - b. [pandz@payettecounty.org](mailto:pandz@payettecounty.org)
- c Planning team will **incorporate results** from display board comment cards.
- d **Displays Board with Comment Cards** will be up at the following venues through December 2020:
  - a. Payette County Courthouse
  - b. Fruitland City Hall
  - c. New Plymouth EZ Mart
  - d. Sand Hollow Store and Café
- e No further questions or comments.

*Thank You to those who attended!*