

South Lincoln County  
CEDS Meeting Notes  
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Vision for Lincoln County 5 years from now:

- Infrastructure, streets, sidewalks, urban renewal, cell phone service.
- Housing: affordable housing, planning and zoning.
- EPA cleanup for asbestos
- Clean up communities, tap into appropriate grants.
- Broadband internet at reasonable cost
- New West placing different emphasis on values – is this good or bad?
- Land trusts? First time home ownership potential.
- Self help housing, sweat equity, groups of homebuilders working on each others' property in trade.
- Jobs: Greater volume of good paying jobs.
- Amenities to keep up with new residents wants and needs.
- Attract unique high-end businesses.

Public Services issues to address in the next 5 years:

- Water, sewer, fire, police. Possible annexation.
- Could go all the way to the bridge with water service – phase 3?
- Increase power generation and distribution.

Fire protection, ambulance and police services:

Possible committee members: Harold Etienne

- Lack of volunteers for ambulance
- Expand rural fire service.
- Develop first responder stations.
- Impact fees?
- Approach developers to incorporate subdivisions into current fire districts.
- Replace aging equipment.
- Purchase new equipment as technology develops.
- Paid fire and ambulance services?

Transportation: roads and community transportation:

Possible committee members: Ron Downey, Dave Norman

- Should county take over airport?

- Adequate landing surface at airport.
- Rail service and siding.
- Amtrak depot here?
- Lincoln County Transportation utilization/growth.
- Local bus service?
- Additional walking paths and trails.
- County roads and city street maintenance.
- County to take over forest service roads with residents on them? What would the cost be?

#### Business:

- Incubator for assistance to new business

#### Education and workforce training:

- Possible committee members: Brady Selle, Lance Pierson, Roy Richardson
- EPA cleanup – skilled technicians.
- Mining (MSHA) training in partnership with both Revett and Montanore. Possibly with FVCC.
- Building trades program. Partner with Habitat for Humanity?
- CDL classes and testing locally. FVCC
- Heavy equipment operator training locally. FVCC
- Medical training – methods to improve student population.
- Apprenticeships – partnership with training facilities & local businesses to keep trainees here for a livable wage.
- Funding for apprenticeships?
- Partner with major universities to implement online training through community college. Will need affordable broadband service.

#### Health Care:

- Possible committee members: Peter Kitts, Martha Dobbins-Odegard
- Assisted living facilities (would a land trust work for this?)
- Education to facilitate staffing for health care
- Need of additional daily health services

#### Ag, Forestry:

- Committee Members: Paul Rumelhart, Clearcut Larry Coryell

- Healthy Forest WUI
- Long term contracting
- Weeds
- Biomass
- Small diameter wood utilization
- Value added wood products
- Explore new markets for wood utilization. High-end furniture and log homes to keep \$ locally that is importing with new residents.
- Reduce threat of catastrophic fire
- Implement county wide fire plan
- Carbon sequestration
- Tax credits for removing resource out of the woods for biomass?
- Public support for responsible mining?
- Promote positive side of mining

#### Housing:

- Committee members: Dave Cox? (realtor), Don Ross, insurance - Sandy Wagner
- Investigate first time homebuyer assistance.
- 13 acre county land for land trust?
- Jobs!!! Must have good paying jobs to pay for decent housing.

#### Tourism/Arts/Culture and Recreation:

Committee members: Debi Davidson, Terry Hermann, Terry Jones

- Promote natural beauty of the area, trails, mountain biking, river sports, lakes, fishing.
- Mountain bike racing – STOKR
- Extreme mountain biking, summer and winter sports.
- New and improved access on river.
- Maintain access to subdivided areas for access to recreation areas.
- Preserve and promote historic sites.
- Increased promotional marketing and use of recreational guide services.
- Promote ecotourism – definition: Tourism involving travel to areas of natural or ecological interest, typically under the guidance of a naturalist, for the purpose of observing wildlife and learning about the environment.
- Promote local area sites through the county & tourism websites
- Increased lodging and RV parking for participants of local events.
- Partner with forest service for campground usage at local event.
- Marketing to promote fire lookout rentals.
- Community or civic center for Troy.

- Amphitheatre?

#### Environment:

- Committee members: Kari Larson
- Recycling
- Greenway trail established from Callahan trail to Airport. BN is the obstacle.
- Healthy forest management
- Clean power
- Clean air
- Clean water – maintain adequate watershed
- Ground water protection
- Clean responsible mining!
- Building height limits? Good and bad.
- Planning and zoning
- Billboards and county signage
- View shed
- County needs to hold State responsible for lack of enforcement.
- No blighted areas. Enforce existing ordinances.
- Court enforcement of environmental laws.

#### Infrastructure:

Committee members: Paul Rumelhart, Jim Hammons

- Telecommunications: cell phone service, affordable broadband
- Sidewalks, streets
- Walking paths
- Lighting
- Storm drains
- Signage
- Power
- Water & sewer
- Road maintenance
- Location of new roads to prevent disturbance of terrain.
- Traffic control
- Jail
- Local medical facilities friendly to aging population, incoming retirees.

#### Roadblocks to accomplish tasks:

- Funding both primary and secondary.
- Environmentalists
- Public land availability
- Burlington Northern
- Forest Service
- Isolation of area from major roads
- Isolation from politicians and legislation

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