



MEMORANDUM

TO: Bartholomew County Plan Commission Members
FROM: Jeff Bergman
DATE: February 2, 2016
RE: CFO/CAFO Zoning Ordinance Standards Amendment

Attached are the formal documents and supplemental information to support your discussion of proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance standards for Confined Feeding Operations (CFOs) and Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs). These materials are intended to be in addition to the CFO/CAFO Study Committee report that was provided for your review last month. The new materials include the following:

1. A proposed Plan Commission resolution making a recommendation to the County Commissioners on the Zoning Ordinance amendments. Please note that the resolution has been written based on the Study Committee majority opinion as a starting point for discussion. However, the Plan Commission has complete discretion over any recommendation that is to be sent to the County Commissioners.
2. A summary of content from the Bartholomew County Comprehensive Plan that is most applicable to the CFO/CAFO discussion, prepared by the Planning Department.
3. An updated summary of the Study Committee recommendations, prepared by the Planning Department. This is intended to replace the previous version of this summary that was provided to you last month.
4. Maps portraying the effect of (1) the current regulations, (2) the Study Committee majority opinion, and (3) the Study Committee minority opinion on possible CFO/CAFO locations in Bartholomew County, prepared by the Planning Department.
5. The results of a public survey conducted by the Study Committee.
6. All public input received by the Planning Department through February 1, 2016. This input includes 24 letters and 3 studies/articles.

As you review these materials and prepare for the February 10 public hearing, please keep in mind the criteria, per Indiana law, to which the Plan Commission shall pay “reasonable regard” when considering amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. Those criteria are as follows:

1. the Comprehensive Plan,
2. the current conditions in each district,
3. the most desirable use for land in each district,
4. the conservation of property values, and
5. responsible growth and development.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like any additional information prior to the meeting.