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## **BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 16, 2016**

*Peter Rasmussen*

*"In the rural community , there is a real problem and when you have*

*the large lots and you want to bring on a child into your business , it really , right now , it ' s almost impossible to do without jeopardizing the whole operation .*

*I also and this is -- this is maybe just a little bit -- well , in all due respect to the staff , if you cannot get the things done that need to be done , I know two women who can help you out and I 'm married to one of them . So I don ' t want to be , you know , I don ' t want to be callous about it , but you ' re not getting the work done and Susan and Carol can get it done for you , if you need help . Thank you very much .*

*BOLDT : Thank you .*

*Dennis Ritola . Dennis Ritola . Gretchen Starke . Margaret Tweet .*

*MIELKE : Margaret .*

*BOLDT: Afternoon .*

*TWEET : Good afternoon , Councilors , and citizens .*

*For the new Councilors , please consider the citizen input from 2015 .*

*There ' s a strong record there . Alternative 4 is based on strong input , it returns options to landowners lost in 1994 .*

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*existing parcels and predominant parcel size , which is the formula used by most counties . It allows families to keep their homesteads and farms and pass them on to future generations .*

*We ' ve heard from some today that developers want large lots , not the two and a half or five - acre parcels . What if the predominant parcel size in an area is two and a half or five acres? Do we just bow down to the large developers that can afford the large lots? Affordable housing in rural areas is facilitated by smaller lots . Other counties have more flexible zoning for variable lot sizes and they are compliant with the GMA .*

*Clark County since 1994 has imposed highly restrictive measures to keep growth down . We expect correct data , accurate minutes . It ' s not asking too much . And the recommendation that was just made is extremely reasonable , take the time to get the correct information . If you need another study , another opinion , take the time to get it . Don ' t make a decision ahead of the information and definitely don ' t make a decision based on incorrect or faulty information . That ' s not what you ' re here for .*

*We also see that , and just one example of that , the County having decades of data showing a roughly 85 to 50 urban/rural split and yet we have this 90/10 ratio that ' s being used . That makes no sense . It doesn ' t reflect the reality of our county and the data that we ' ve*

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*collected for decades . Let ' s not ignore the information that we have available from the GIS Department , small businesses and farms are fostered by smaller lots . Defend this duly developed Alternative 4 . Correct the wrongs . Return the property rights to the rural landowners .*

*And I also want to say in giving notice for these types of hearings ,*

*in Clackamas County they send out a postcard that tells when a hearing is happening that affects any kind of a zoning change and that 's a small expense , very worthwhile to do . Oh , I 'm going over . Sorry . So I want to suggest that that ' s a good way to notify homeowners that would be affected by a zoning change and then you -- all these property owners , how did they find out about it today? Probably Clark County Citizens United, but we can do a better job . Some counties do that kind of a mail notice and I think that ' s a good thing to maybe consider adding . Thank you .*

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