

MEMORANDUM

TO: Pennington County Planning Commission
Pennington County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Dan Jennissen, Pennington County Planning Director

DATE: April 7, 2011

RE: 2010 Year-End Report

We processed 605 Building Permits in 2010; 79 new residences were constructed and 47 manufactured homes were placed in the unincorporated portions of Pennington County. The valuation of all building activity was \$28,061,887. In 2009, the number of permits totaled 513 with a total valuation of \$24,738,011. There was an increase of 92 permits and an increase of \$3,323,876 in valuation for 2010. A copy of the Building Permit Report is attached for your review.

The Planning Department processed over 196 new project submittals throughout 2010. The breakdown of submittals for the past four years is as follows:

| | <u>2007</u> | <u>2008</u> | <u>2009</u> | <u>2010</u> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Comprehensive Plan Amendments | 14 | 6 | 6 | 5 |
| Floodplain Development Permits | 23 | 17 | 19 | 15 |
| Construction Permits | 21 | 22 | 23 | 17 |
| Construction Permit Reviews | 4 | 5 | 7 | 4 |
| Conditional Use Permits | 48 | 48 | 38 | 40 |
| Conditional Use Permit Reviews | 60 | 64 | 66 | 98 |
| Section Line Openings | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Planned Unit Developments | 9 | 14 | 9 | 9 |
| Planned Unit Development Reviews | 14 | 10 | 6 | 10 |
| Plats | 47 | 54 | 35 | 42 |
| Ordinance Amendments | 2 | 3 | 7 | 5 |
| Rezoning | 20 | 15 | 9 | 5 |
| Subdivision Regulations Variances | 13 | 18 | 11 | 15 |
| Telecommunications Permits | | | 4 | 1 |
| Variances | 20 | 33 | 21 | 31 |
| Vacation of Easements | 1 | 6 | 0 | 4 |
| Vacation of ROW | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Vacation of Section Line | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>4</u> |
| | 299 | 318 | 264 | 308 |

Of the Conditional Use Permit reviews, 33 were reviewed more than once.

The Planning Department collected \$211,037.28 in revenue for 2010. This is an increase of \$27,804.12 than the revenue collected in 2009 of \$183,233.16.

The Planning Department collected \$105,246.04 in drainage fees as part of the Building Permit process. The drainage fees are placed into a fund that is used by the County Highway Department for drainage projects and maintenance.

In the past year, staff along with a very dedicated committee, developed the On-Site Wastewater Treatment Ordinance, which was adopted by County Board on July 6, 2010. Six public meeting and five public hearings were held throughout Pennington County to adopt the Ordinance.

Significant progress was made on all the task goals and objectives in the Spring Creek Watershed Management and Project Implementation Plan – Segment I. Since June 2010 staff assisted in the evaluation and ranking of 36 Best Management Practices (BMP) cost-share applications requesting \$229,000 of 319 funding of which \$94,858 were approved for funding. Staff is currently assisting in the implementation of these BMPs. Staff also developed the Spring Creek Watershed 319 Project website (www.springcreekblackhills.com) and completed sampling of six ambient water-quality monitoring events at 16 watershed sites.

Staff also worked on creating and amending the Stormwater and Erosion Control Ordinance. The Ordinance includes construction, erosion and stormwater guidelines. Pennington County also adopted a Stormwater Quality Manual.

Pennington County is currently working on a number of Ordinance Amendments, which include a Wind Generator Ordinance and Vacation Home Rental Ordinance.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or any Planning staff member.