

Voice Mails or phone conversations regarding 3/11/14 meeting for merging Environmental Health and Planning (taken by Glenda):

▶ Dr. Bill Peters lives in the Blodgett View area - Hamilton (509-863-8525). He feels these departments need to be kept separate. The EH Department deals with exact science and a qualified person needs to oversee the in an objective manner. Terry Nelson is not qualified to head the EH Department. Clean water is important to the people of this valley. If the Commissioners merge the departments he will work hard to remove the Commissioners from office.

▶ Carlotta Grandstaff stated the Planning Department could be abolished; state law dictates subdivision issues, and if the Commissioners combine Planning and EH, do not put Terry Nelson in charge, as he is not qualified.

▶ Ann Harding of Hamilton stated she is outraged at the idea of a merger of the two departments.

▶ Jack and Marilyn Saunders – 1170 Pine Street 363-7547. Marilyn stated there was not much notice to the citizens about this potential merger. She asked what the condition of the county budget is. EH duties are based on science and should be independent of the Planning Department. Planning should be based on environmental health issues.

▶ Sharon Renfro 777-3229 stated the merger is a bad idea. It is a conflict to have the two departments combined, they need to be separate.

▶ William Brooks 381-0842 the appointment of Terry Nelson as head of EH and Planning is a horrible idea. Combining these departments voids the EH services.

▶ Toddy Perryman 961-4959 states combining EH and planning is a BAD idea. These department must be independent - CRITICAL for our drinking water and water health in the valley.

▶ Chris Lickenholter 961-3018 stated the merger is a bad idea and is a conflict of interest and violates the citizens trust in government.