

Enterprise Zone Bob Morrow Verbal citizen input @ AM BOC Meeting 12/19/2018

I am a North County resident and am deeply concerned about the proposed Enterprise Zone. The more I learn about the proposal the more convoluted the facts of the plan become and the deeper my concerns become. At a minimum you should table this proposal until it is concise and stabilized and vetted by the community it will impact. Better still simply kill it today.

Commissioner Boice came to a community meeting in Langlois attended by nearly 200 residents and heard first-hand the passion for conservation held by the entire community. This Enterprise Zone proposal and its lack of facts or even the decency of contact with principals, flies in the face of our community interests in Langlois.

When I looked at the Enterprise Zone layer on the GIS map last week Residential and Rural Residential Properties littered the map and when I looked two days ago, they were no longer there. Where did they go? Why? Isn't that supposed to be stable public record at this point?

Of the remaining commercial properties, I have yet to speak with a property owner who was informed that the Enterprise Zone designation was being placed on their property. Not One.

The CCD list I was sent last night is out of date - and there to - some did not know they had been contacted... were they?

My real-world experience has taught me that anyone who works that hard to keep someone from knowing the truth is probably up to no good. What is the county up to? Why would you obscure this from land owners? Why would you be so hush-hush with the community?

My facts are sketchy at this point but I understand your new county attorney from the big city is telling you this is not a land action so no one needs to be informed. Using legalese to rationalize what is morally tepid. I have no doubt that the property owners with registered tax lots and a mortgage payment would consider something that changes the value of their land a "land use action"

Yet you – the commissioners who are supposed to be representing the citizens of Curry County and your next-door neighbors appear to be buying into that. This is rural Curry County and we should be holding on to rural values of decency and integrity and of talking with our neighbor. Not buying in to doing the sordid minimum required to get away with it.

What would your Mother say to you about messing with someone else's property - while significantly changing the nature of their community – when they have repeatedly made it clear they do not want that change – and all this without telling them. I know what my Mother would say. - My Mother would be furious.

Please kill the Enterprise Zone proposal for North County. The taxpayers of North County are very clear they do not want the development an Enterprise Zone is meant to foster and the inequitable competition with existing local business the tax breaks would engender.

Thank you.