

Minutes
Public Meeting #1
Thursday, September 22, 2005
6:30 pm
Holiday Inn, Dubois

Top Issues Facing Your Family or Business:

- Healthcare
- Gas Prices
- Energy Production
- (1) Jobs
- (2) Communication / Cooperation
- Open (working) Spaces
- Mass Transit
- (1) Forest Management
- (1) Municipality Cooperation on Land Use
- EMS
- Tourism
- Drinking Water Quality and Quantity
- Library Services
- Police / Fire Protection
- Sewage Issues
- (1) Advocacy for Rural Areas

Types of Development you want or not want for your communities:

Want

- Industry
- Wood Products / MFG
- Spin off Powder Metals
- Renewable Energy Production
- Support Research for development of alternative energy
- Research and Development
- Shopping
- Youth Activity Program / Center

(3) Do not Want

- Landfills
- Gambling related businesses
- Adult Entertainment
- More Roads

What would you or wouldn't you change about Clearfield County:

Would:

- (1) Change Attitude
- Average Per Capita
- Literacy Rate
- Teen Pregnancy
- Drugs and Alcohol
- (1) How we manage our resources
- Improve Water Quality and AMD
- Public Issues of Accurate Health

Would Not:

- Rural area / Character
- I – 80

Views on how to Improve our Housing Infrastructure:

- Revitalize Urban Housing
- Resources to Revitalize Housing
- Self interest affecting unique revitalization efforts
- (3) Poor Land use Planning
- Affordable Quality Livable desirable Housing
- More cluster / density development
- More affordable housing for young people / Families

Views on how to Improve Social Service Programs:

- Attitude (Pro Active Prevention)
- (1) Resources
- (1) Clearing house of Social Services Programs
- Eliminate duplication of services / efficiencies
- Addressing Family Issues
- Mandated Funding
- Churches / Salvation Army / Red Cross etc: Utilize more Faith Base Services

Views on how to Improve our Healthcare System:

- More competition
- (2) Tort Reform
- Transportation to and from Hospital
- Abuse of system
- Overall education of Healthcare
- Availability of Practitioners
- Dental Care for Low Income
- Not enough (Access Card) Service Providers
- Malpractice Climate
- Balancing Care and Cost

Views on how to improve our Economic Development efforts:

- Be as regional as possible
- Be as Local as possible
- (1) Finding a balance between regional / local
- Better understanding Urban Economic
- Take advantage of the expertise and experience of local economic development leaders
- Education that coordinated economic development is good for everyone
- Less territorial
- Tax reform in PA (Tax fairness)

Views on how to improve our Transportation Network:

- Poor local and state roads
- Management of Cost vs. Benefits
- Use of more R.R. (efficient)
- More use of mass transit (efficient)
- Lack of North / South Access
- More European attitude about vehicles (smaller more fuel efficient)
- Loss of air services (more awareness and promotion)
- Balance pros and cons of new roads and air services

Views on how to improve our Education System:

- Knowledgeable county people should take charge and show more voice
- More equity funding for education (distribution of school taxes) a % goes into salaries
- More discipline allowed in schools / Longer school year (more efficient school year)
- Current Public School system's lack academic rigor
- (3) Encourage Parental involvement in education
- Adult education opportunities within existing school facilities (24-7)
- Change tax base (not gambling – look elsewhere)
- Every parent pay tuition

Views on how to best utilize, sustain or remediate / prevent deterioration of our Natural Resources:

- (2) Science not Emotion
- (1) Sustainability over Extraction
- Practical Education
- (2) Academic Education
- Conservation
- (1) Water Resource management
- Education on the value of our natural resources

Views on how to best preserve and enhance our Historical / Cultural Resources:

- [WWW.Victorian](http://WWW.VictorianRegion.com) Region.com
- Build on wood industry (understand our history)
- Commission Historic Districts
- Promote area better (not like the PA Wilds)
- Manage I –80 corridor for tourism and recreation
- Smart development and infrastructure of the industry
- (1) Recognizing or educating owners of the historical structures as to their economic benefits
- Develop funding for preservation of privately owned historical structures

- Maintain our historical structures without impeding progress