Hello,

The attached written testimony was received from Carol Levanen and Susan Rasmussen during the public comment portion of the 7/28/15 BOCC hearing.

Thank you,
Rebecca
susan rasmussen

common sense

The GMA offers direction on how to prepare local comprehensive plans & development regulations for early and continuous public participation. Alternative plans 1,2, & 3 were solely crafted by the planners. The only public process these plans experienced was at the open houses last year.

Alternative 4 improved the public process with the creation of an all-inclusive, all-players included policy to boost a quality plan recognizing the needs of the rural communities.

This shift in policy was needed. The silence of former County Boards, and their refusal to act on outstanding issues concerning our court case, resulted in our obligation and insistence to develop an alternative plan that can address outstanding issues. Their silence and failure to act on behalf of the rural landowners speaks volumes. To this day, there has been no analysis what so ever on the impact of these abusive land use regulations...economically or socially. There has been no rural perspective, no humanity.

We have been ignored, until this past January. Our court action alone gives us credibility, standing to influence the direction of this update. Common sense would dictate that compliance with a flawed hearings board isn’t what we want. We want to see property owners be able to resolve many lingering issues from our 1999 court case.

The draft EIS for alternative 4 isn’t just about parcel counts, mitigation, and overwhelming change of land use regulations. It’s about a shift in policy towards accountability to remedy long lingering landuse issues that stifle rural growth...economically and socially. Alternative 4 should demonstrate significant change. Alternative 4 should make the necessary changes needed to correct the overwhelming majority of non-conforming lots..make them legal buildable lots. These lots already exist and comprise the county’s unique “rural Character”...a GMA requirement.

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The creation of a new story.

20 yrs of neglect.
20 yrs of damage to the rural comm.

influence on various commissions, boards, etc.

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