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All fees taken out of Bullitt storm-water proposal

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All fees — which some have said would dampen development — have been taken out of a controversial subdivision and storm-water regulations proposal.

The Bullitt County Joint Planning Commission held a special meeting Thursday on the regulations, which would establish minimum standards of design and construction for subdivision plats, plans, streets, lot layouts, storm-water control and drainage structures.

The rules also would bring the county into compliance with the Clean Water Act.

The commission had debated adding a \$250 fee per hook-up to detention and retention basins, but this was turned down, said Roanne Hammond, county planning and zoning administrator.

An impact fee of 2.5 cents per square foot in site plans was struck down July 30, but commission chairman Martin Riedling has said other fees might be added later.

None were added at the meeting, Hammond said.

Some developers and builders have opposed the fees, saying they can be used against them in business deals. Others have said the fees will get passed on to homebuyers.

Riedling has said that charging an impact fee will mean that only those affected will have to pay for storm-water problems, as opposed to all taxpayers.

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