# Pend Oreille County
# Washington
## Resolution No. 2017-38

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PEND OREILLE COUNTY, WASHINGTON ESTABLISHING AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, A STAFF COORDINATING COMMITTEE, AND WORK GROUPS TO PROMOTE THE COORDINATION OF LOCAL EFFORTS IN SUPPORT OF A PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OF STATEWIDE SIGNIFICANCE.**

WHEREAS, economic development activities that supports private investment and the creation of new family wage jobs is of critical importance to the entire Pend Oreille County region; and

WHEREAS, the protection of the environment and the rural character of the Pend Oreille County region is also of critical importance; and

WHEREAS, successful economic development activities typically require the close coordination of efforts between local, state, federal, and tribal governments; and

WHEREAS, the environmental review and the issuance of permits for a large-scale project requires extensive communication in order to keep the public informed and to provide timely and meaningful opportunities for public involvement; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that HiTest Sands will be formally announcing their intent to apply for the required permits to build a state-of-the art silicon smelter on a site in unincorporated Pend Oreille County near the City of Newport; and

WHEREAS, this facility could involve the investment of $325 million dollars and would create approximately 150 family wage jobs and hundreds of construction jobs; and

WHEREAS, this facility has been designated as an Industrial Development Project of Statewide Significance by Washington Governor Inslee; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that Pend Oreille County may be the lead local agency for the required environmental review; and

WHEREAS, Pend Oreille County, in consultation with the Washington State Department of Ecology and other local, state, and federal agencies and governments will be responsible for the review and potential issuing of local permits for the proposed project; and

WHEREAS, the Pend Oreille County Board of County Commissioners desires to promote the coordination of local efforts in support of the proposed industrial development project of statewide significance; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is committed to keeping the Pend Oreille County region well informed throughout the environmental review and permitting process;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PEND OREILLE COUNTY WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Executive Committee Established. An Executive Committee of local elected officials is established to coordinate local efforts and to advise the County Commissioners on all matters related to the proposed development of a state-of-the-art silicon smelter in unincorporated Pend Oreille County near the City of Newport.

A. It is the intent of the County Commissioners to invite an elected official from the following governments to serve on the Executive Committee:

    1. Pend Oreille County Board of County Commissioners (Executive Committee Chair);

    2. City of Newport;

    3. Pend Oreille Public Utility District #1;

    4. Port of Pend Oreille County;

    5. Kalispel Tribe;

    6. Bonner County Board of Commissioners; and

    7. The Pend Oreille County Economic Development Council (EDC) Chair or Vice Chair will be invited to serve as an Ex Officio member.

B. It is anticipated that the Executive Committee will meet once a month at a time and place to be determined.

C. The Board of County Commissioners will appoint the Chair of the Executive Committee. County Commissioner Mike Manus will serve as the initial Chair of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Staff Coordinating Committee. A coordinating committee of key staff from all local agencies with an interest in the HiTest project or related economic development activities is established to further promote the local coordination of efforts and effective local communication.

A. Participation on the Staff Coordinating Committee is open to all interested government agencies and non-profit service providers.

B. It is anticipated that the Staff Coordinating Committee will meet at least once a month, and that sub-groups may meet more frequently.

C. The Board of County Commissioners will appoint the Chair of the Staff Coordinating Committee. The Staff Coordinating Committee will be initially Co-Chaired by County HiTest Project Manager Gregg Dohrn, County Community Development Director Greg Snow, and EDC Manager Jamie Wyrobek.

Section 3. Work Groups. It is the intent of the County Commissioners to establish a number of HiTest related work groups, each with a specific assignment. Each work group will be authorized in writing by the County Commissioners and a lead staff person designated. It is anticipated that many of the work groups will be led by the EDC.

A. It is anticipated that local work groups will include:

1. Housing;

2. Workforce Development;

3. Sub-Contracting; and

4. Business Development Opportunities.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption and shall remain in full force through December 31, 2020 unless terminated sooner or extended by the Board of County Commissioners.

**ADOPTED** BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF ON THE 26th of September, 2017.

Karen Skoog, Chair

Stephen Kiss, Vice Chair

Mike Manus, Member

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Rhonda Cary, Clerk of the Board

Approved as to form:

Dolly Hunt, Pend Oreille County Prosecuting Attorney