NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held on Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.in conference room 203 of the Butte County Business Center at 159 N Idaho St, Arco, ID, to consider a Conditional Use Permit requested by ATC Communications.

ATC intends to replace the older tower with a larger tower on the property currently owned by Albion Telephone & ATC Communications, located at 3547 N Little Lost River Hwy, Howe, Idaho 83244, Parcel Number RP05N29E044375. The tower will be no higher than 40 ft (above ground). The replacement tower will continue to be used for telecommunications and communication services. The proposed tower foundation is located approximately 45 feet from the edge of the asphalt roadway.

This will be a public hearing, and any person who wishes to testify before the Butte County Planning and Zoning Commission is encouraged to attend. A copy of the map showing the property's location is on file and may be viewed at the Planning and Zoning office at the Butte County Business Center, 159 N Idaho St, Arco, Idaho.

Jody Jarvis
Butte County Planning & Zoning Administrator/Clerk

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MINUTES OF THE BUTTE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING
ARCO, BUTTE COUNTY, IDAHO
PUBLIC HEARING FOR ATC COMMUNICATIONS
(BLAINE CUMMINS)
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2026 @ 7:00 P.M.

Attendees

Chairman: Randy Purser
Board Members: Matt Nelson, Hayes Jensen, Tom Jarvis, Scotty Allen, Brian O'Kelley, and Mike Hansen
Clerk: Jody Jarvis

The public hearing was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Presentation of Application

Blaine Cummins, representing ATC Communications, presented an application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to install a 40-foot communications tower at 3574 North Little Lost River Highway.

- **Project Scope:** The new tower will replace a previous 23-foot tower at the same location. It requires a new, wider concrete base but will remain in the existing, approved footprint.
- **Location & Safety:** The site is positioned approximately 45 feet from the asphalt edge of the highway. The applicant confirmed that the tower design and placement pose no structural risk to the highway, neighboring structures (including county storage sheds), or grain silos.
- **Community Impact:** The tower is intended to improve high-speed internet accessibility throughout the Little Lost Valley. The applicant noted that while fiber optic cable will be extended in some areas, the tower provides a more cost-effective and immediate solution for widespread connectivity in the valley.
- **Compliance:** The site is approximately 4.5 miles from the nearest airport. No negative environmental impacts (noise, odor, fumes, or vibration) are expected.

Board Discussion

- The board reviewed the application against county code requirements (referenced as Page 42, Section 4-2).

- Board members noted the plans were well-engineered and compliant.
- The board agreed the project would be a positive development for the community by providing essential internet service.
- The board confirmed that standard building permit procedures will follow the approval of the CUP, which will involve standard inspections.

Public Hearing Status

- No additional public testimony was provided.
- The public hearing was formally closed.

Outcome

- The board moved to vote on the Conditional Use Permit.
- **Motion:** Approve the application for the ATC Communications Tower.
- **Vote:** Unanimous in favor.

Motion made by Scotty Allen to close the public hearing at 7:21 p.m., seconded by Brian O'Kelley