



MINUTES  
LAURENS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
JANUARY 18, 2022 - 5:30 P.M.  
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE

Commissioners Present: Chairman Jim Royer, Vice-Chairman Ed Burns, Bobby Smith, Abney Smith, Casey Robinson

Commissioners Absent: Sylvester Grant, 1 Vacant Seat

CALL TO ORDER - Commissioner Jim Royer called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION – Commissioner Abney Smith led the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Chairman Jim Royer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Request was made by Chairman Royer to add Election of Officers Item #5 and an Executive Session – Legal Update Item #10 to the proposed agenda. On motion by Commissioner Skip Smith, seconded by Commissioner Robinson, the motion passed unanimously 5-0 with 1 absent and 1 vacant seat.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – Chairman Royer relinquished the Chair to Dale Satterfield, Public Works Director, for the purpose of electing the Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the 2022 meetings. Motion was made by Commissioner Bobby Smith, seconded by Commissioner Robinson to nominate Commissioner Royer for the position of Chairman. After no further nominations was offered, the Commission voted 4 yes – 0 no to confirm Commissioner Royer as Chairman. Nominations were then received for Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Burns was nominated for Vice-Chairman. After no further nominations were received, motion was made by Commissioner Abney Smith, seconded by Commissioner Bobby Smith to elect Commissioner Burns as Vice-Chairman. The Commissioners voted 4 yes – 0 no to affirm Commissioner Burns as Vice-Chairman of the Planning Commission. Public Words Director Satterfield relinquished the meeting back to Chairman Royer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 19, 2021- The minutes for October 19, 2021, and November 16, 2021, were presented for approval. With no requested changes, on motion by Commissioner Royer, seconded by Commissioner Robinson, the minutes were approved 5 yes – 0 no.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business was scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Variance Approval Parallel Infrastructure, AT&T Wireless.  
Building and Codes Director, Chuck Bobo, presented the request by Parallel Infrastructure to give a variance requiring a “Screen” around the structure since the tower will be constructed in a dense forest. The motion was made by Chairman Royer, seconded by Commissioner Robinson to approve the project as designed and grant the variance to Code Section 8-746 requiring screening. The motion was approved unanimously 5 yes – 0 no.
- B. Variance Request for Subdivision of Parcel #228-00-00-023  
Mr. Robert Templeton presented a variance request to divide a parcel owned by Access Funding Center Inc. The Parcel included a single wide mobile home on 1 acre at the rear in which they wanted to grant a permanent 50’ easement for ingress/egress. The remaining 4 acres would also be accessed by way of this same 50’ easement. The remaining 4 acres cannot be further subdivided unless the 50’ easement be constructed to meet County Road Standards.

On motion by Commissioner Bobby Smith, seconded by Commissioner Abney Smith to grant the 50' easement serving 2 parcels, the motion passed 5 yes – 0 no – 1 absence, 1 vacancy.

PUBLIC COMMENT - 15 Minute period was given for Public Comment.

Mr. Jessie Johnson approached the podium and addressed the Commissioners in Reference to dividing a parcel on Lake Greenwood. He was instructed to gather the Needed information and submit his request at the next regular meeting to be held on February 15, 2022, at 5:30 pm.

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS - Time was given for Commissioner Comments.

Executive Session

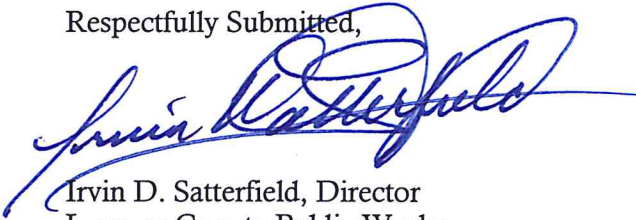
The Chairman called the Commissioners into executive session for a legal briefing to return at the call of the Chair. Commissioner Bobby Smith motion to enter Executive Session for a legal briefing, Commissioner Burns seconded. The vote passed 5 yes, 0 no, 1 absent with 1 vacant seat.

No motions were made pursuant to the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon Motion by Commissioner Casey Robinson and Second by Vice Chairman Ed Burns, the meeting was adjourned. Vote 5 – 0 with 1 absent and 1 vacant seat.

Respectfully Submitted,



Irvin D. Satterfield, Director  
Laurens County Public Works