

Note from Clerk: These minutes are written as the agenda was presented. Some votes may appear out of order.

SMYTH COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Thursday, August 24, 2023

The Smyth County Planning Commission met in their regular meeting on Thursday, August 24, 2023, at 6:30 P.M. in the Smyth County Office Building.

Commissioners Present: Hazel Wagoner, Chairperson, Atkins District; Graham Davidson Jr., Vice-Chairman, Chilhowie District; Robert Campbell, North Fork District, Lea Meadows, Park District; Tony Dean, Royal Oak District; and Paul Shepherd, Rye Valley District

Commissioners Absent: David Spence, Saltville District

Staff Present: Becca Creasy

At approximately 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Wagoner called the meeting to order.

Adoption of Agenda: Mrs. Wagoner opened the floor for motions to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Dean made a motion to approve the agenda which was seconded by Ms. Meadows, with the following vote recorded.

Vote: 6 yeas	Campbell, Davidson, Dean, Meadows, Shepherd, and Wagoner
1 absent	Spence

Minutes: Mr. Shepherd made a motion to approve the minutes of the Thursday, July 27, 2023, meeting. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion, and the following vote was recorded.

Vote: 6 yeas	Campbell, Davidson, Dean, Meadows, Shepherd, and Wagoner
1 absent	Spence

Citizen's Time: None present.

Other Business: Ms. Creasy updated the Commission on the Board's approval of Hobert Widener's SUP to expand his Automotive Sales and Service business and the text amendments to add *Battery Storage Facility/Energy Storage Facility* and *Wind Energy Facility* to the County's Zoning Ordinance. She further informed the Commission of the Board's decision to table, until their regular meeting in October, the PC's recommendation to approve Clean Footprint's request for a Special Use Permit to construct a *Solar Energy Facility* on the Spence property located on Cedar Branch Road in Saltville and their decision to table the text amendment to add Games, Arcade "Skill" Gaming awaiting information on taxes, etc.

Recess: At approximately 6:40 p.m. with no other comments or questions from the Commissioners, Mrs. Wagoner recessed the Planning Commission's meeting until their 7:00 p.m. joint public hearing with the Board of Supervisors.

JOINT PUBLIC HEARING WITH BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Members Present: Charles Atkins, Chairman, Atkins District; Roscoe Call, Saltville District; Mike Sturgill, Chilhowie District; Kris Ratliff, Park District and Courtney Widener, Royal Oak District

Board Members Absent: Phil Stevenson, North Fork District; and Lori Deel, Vice-Chairperson, Rye-Valley District

Commissioners Present: Hazel Wagoner, Chairperson, Atkins District; Graham Davidson Jr., Vice-Chairman, Chilhowie District; Robert Campbell, North Fork District, Lea Meadows, Park District; Tony Dean, Royal Oak District; and Paul Shepherd, Rye Valley District

Commissioners Absent: David Spence, Saltville District

Staff Present: Shawn Utt, County Administrator; Clegg Williams, Assistant County Administrator - Development; Lisa Richardson, Assistant County Administrator – Operations-HR; Scot Farthing, County Attorney; Becca Creasy and Auna Louthian, Administrative Assistants

Others: Stephanie Porter-Nichols of Smyth County News, representative from Smyth County Sheriff's Office and approximately three citizens were present

8/24/2023 7:04 PM Charles Atkins, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, and Hazel Wagoner, Chair of the Planning Commission, called the joint public hearing to order.

8/24/2023 7:05 PM Roscoe Call made a motion to forgo reading the rules of procedure for public hearings which was seconded by Mike Sturgill and unanimously carried.

8/24/2023 7:06 PM Clegg Williams read the legal ad.

**BEFORE THE SMYTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND
SMYTH COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**

The Smyth County Board of Supervisors and the Smyth County Planning Commission will conduct a joint public hearing on Thursday, August 24, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. or as soon after 7:00 P.M. as the following application(s) may be heard, in the Smyth County Office Building, 121 Bagley Circle, Marion, Virginia, to consider the following application(s) to the Zoning Ordinance of Smyth County, Virginia:

A special use permit application from Robert de Camara and Sharon Hayden to expand an airport by constructing an airplane hangar at 592 South Fork Road in Marion, Virginia, further identified as Tax Map No. 67-A-45 and zoned Agricultural/Rural.

At this public hearing, subject to the rules of procedure of the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission of Smyth County, Virginia, any person may appear and state his/her views thereon.

Copies of the application along with their maps/drawings are on file in the Office of the County Administrator of Smyth County and may be seen upon request. Copies are also maintained by the County Zoning Administrator at the address given above and may be viewed upon request during regular business hours Monday through Friday.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons requiring special assistance to attend, and participate in this hearing should contact Clegg Williams, ADA Coordinator, at (276) 706-8315 at least 48 hours prior to the hearing.

Smyth County fully complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes and regulations in all programs and activities. For more information, or to obtain a Title VI Discrimination Complaint Form, contact (276) 783-3298 or at <https://www.smythcounty.org>.

Done by order of the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission.

Shawn M. Utt, County Administrator
Hazel Wagoner, Chairperson of the Planning Commission