

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

SMYTH COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Thursday, February 22, 2024

The Smyth County Planning Commission met in their regular meeting on Thursday, February 22, 2024, 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; Lea Meadows, Park District; David Spence, Saltville District; Paul Shepherd, Rye Valley District; and Robert Campbell, North Fork District.

Commissioners Absent: Tony Dean, Royal Oak District

Staff Present: Becca Creasy and Kelsey Marchant

At approximately 6:42 p.m., Chairperson Hazel Wagoner called the meeting to order.

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

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

Minutes: Ms. Meadows made the motion to approve the minutes of the Thursday, January 25, 2024, meeting. David Spence seconded the motion, and the following vote was recorded.

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

Zoning Administrator Update: Becca Creasy informed the Commission of passing her Certified Zoning Official (CZO) exam through Virginia Association Zoning Officials (VAZO) and the Board's appointment of her as Zoning Administrator in January. She then introduced alternate clerk, Kelsey Marchant, to the Commission. Lastly, she informed the Commission of the Board's decisions based on their recommendations from their previous meeting. She said the Board followed their recommendation for two applications: DeBusk Farms special use permit request for a *Recreational Vehicle Park* and Charles Bridges request for a map amendment to rezone his property from *Residential* to *Agricultural/Rural*. The Board decided to table James Craig Harper's special use permit request for a service business and directed staff to set a public hearing to take comments on rezoning the properties from *Agricultural/Rural* to *Commercial*.

Citizens Time: No citizens were present.

Other Business: None.

Questions/Comments for the Commissioners: None.

Recess: At approximately 6:55 p.m., 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

2/22/2024 7:10 PM Charles Atkins, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, and Hazel Wagoner, Chairperson of the Planning Commission, called the joint public hearing to order.

2/22/2024 7:11 PM Chairman Charles Atkins opened the floor for motions to waive the rules and reading of the legal ad. Mike Sturgill, Chilhowie District, made a motion which was seconded by Roscoe Call, Saltville District. The vote was unanimously carried.

2/22/2024 7:12 PM Clegg Williams introduced David Hill and Matthew Lindsey of Hill Studios.

2/22/2024 7:12 PM Mr. Hill and Mr. Lindsey gave a presentation highlighting the proposed Smyth County Comprehensive Plan – PlanSmyth2044.

2/22/2024 7:38 PM With no comments or questions from the Board and the Commission, the joint public hearing adjourned.

2/22/2024 7:40 PM Chairperson Hazel Wagoner reconvened the Planning Commission's meeting to make recommendations on the Comprehensive Plan.

2/22/2024 7:40 PM Comprehensive Plan Lea Meadows, Park District, made a motion to table the Comprehensive Plan until their next meeting for further review. The motion was seconded by David Spence, Saltville District, and the following vote was recorded.


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

2/22/2024 7:41 PM The Planning Commission complimented Hill Studios for their time and presentation.

2/22/2024 7:41 PM Mr. Williams asked the Planning Commission to submit any comments and questions as soon as possible.

2/22/2024 7:44 PM Mrs. Wagoner called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Spence made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Mr. Davidson Jr., Chilhowie District, and the following vote was recorded.

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



Tony Dean, Secretary