

The Russell County Planning Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
4:30 P.M. EDT

The Russell County Planning Commission meeting was called to order by Chair David Ellis. Members present were: Wanda Lamb, Ronald Lunsford, Commissioner Peggy Martin, Rick Perry, Susan Huffstutler, Bill Friend, and Carla Thomas. Advisors present were: Building Inspector Gregg Smith, Health Department Inspector Johnny Burrell, Assistant Engineers Shawn Blakeney and Ray Martin. County Administrator LeAnn Horne kept the minutes. Advisors present: Subdivision Coordinator Ben Elliott, and Health Department Inspector Johnny Burrell.

Chair Ellis requested a motion to approve the minutes for the May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 meeting. Rick Perry motioned to approve the minutes. Seconded by Bill Friend. There were 7 voted to approve the minutes. Susan Huffstutler abstained due to her absence at that meeting. The minutes were approved.

McGill-McBride presented a minor subdivision for Neil and Kathryn Kite. The lot located at the corner of Sandfort Road and Kirkland Road will be divided into 3 lots. Engineering found no problems with the division of the parcel. Rick Perry motioned to approve the division and was seconded by Wanda Lamb. The vote was unanimous.

A minor subdivision was presented for Russell County School Board by McGill-McBride. This property is located on Prudence Road. The Board of Education is taking a 1.50 acre from east corner of Parcel B1 to create Parcel B2, which will be sold to the Russell County Water Authority. Engineering did not find issues with this division and recommended approval of the plat. Rick Perry motioned to approve and was seconded by Wanda Lamb. The vote was unanimous.

The Russell County By-laws were reviewed. Chair Ellis stated that legislation should be incorporated into the by-Laws and even though this county does not have zoning; the planning commissions are in charge of zoning if it should pass. Bill Friend motioned to include the legislation and was seconded by Wanda Lamb. The vote was unanimous.

**Article I, Section II** – Discussion took place concerning leaving (2) two meetings a month in the by-laws. State requires planning commissions to meet once a month. The second date was left as an optional date if needed.

**Article I, Section III** – Including the five mile planning jurisdiction of Alabama surrounding the county was deleted.

**Article IV** – Zoning should be added back to the By-laws.

**Article IV, Section IV** – Change zoning ordinance to zoning resolution and follow the zoning procedures established within the Local Act 95-5-73.

Chair Ellis recommended deleting the second paragraph No zoning amendment request previously requested may be considered for re-zoning within six (6) months of the last request unless it may be shown that there are significant changes since the last application. It was discussed and agreed to leave that paragraph in the by-laws.

**Article V** – Change the words “ordinance” to “regulations”.

**Article V, Section V** – Leave this paragraph in and delete the previous paragraph on Article IV Section IV the second paragraph that begins No zoning amendment request previously...

**Article VI, Section I** – Omitted the last line, “This is done in order that subdivisions can be conceived, designed and developed property and future maintenance cost can be held to a minimum.” This was considered not relevant.

**Article VI, Section II** – Take the all wording pertaining to Planning Commission waiving regulations and replace with, “The Russell County Commission is responsible for all variances and refer to Act 95-5-73.

Chair Ellis requested a motion to approve changes to the By-laws. Wanda Lamb motioned to approve and was seconded by Bill Friend. The vote was unanimous.

An update of the County-Wide Comprehensive Plan will begin the next meeting.

Wanda Lamb motioned to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.