

Patrick County Planning Commission Meeting

Minutes of June 15, 2021

Present: Richard Hazlewood, Larry Cowley, Kurt Bozenmayer and David Lusk members of the Planning Commission, and Jane Fulk, Board of Supervisor Liaison.

Also Present: Teresa McCormick, Clerk; Joe Bonanno, West Piedmont Planning; Bryce Simmons, Economic Director

Absent: Mike Helms, Chairperson.

Teresa McCormick, Clerk called the meeting order.

A motion was asked for an approval of the agenda and minutes.

A motion was made by Jane Fulk to approve the Agenda as presented; seconded by David Lusk and carried unanimously by all voting members present.

Voting Yes: Larry Cowley, Richard Hazelwood, Kurt Bozenmayer, David Lusk and Jane Fulk

Voting No: N/A

Abstaining: N/A

Absent: Mike Helms

A motion was made by Jane Fulk to approve the May 18, 2021 minutes as presented with the correction; seconded by Larry Cowley and carried unanimously by all voting members present.

Voting Yes: Larry Cowley, Richard Hazelwood, Kurt Bozenmayer, David Lusk and Jane Fulk

Voting No: N/A

Abstaining: N/A

Absent: Mike Helms

NEW BUSINESS:

Larry Smith representing the Dan River District resigned from the Planning Commission in February, 2021. Teresa McCormick introduced David Lusk, representing the Dan River District.

OLD BUSINESS:

Joe Bonanno, Regional Planner with West Piedmont Planning, reviewed questions from the Planning Commission.

- 1) Land Use Maps – Joe Bonanno will speak with David Rakes, Data System Manager with West Piedmont Planning regarding to locations on the map.
- 2) 5:4 - Community Facilities & Services
Electrical – remove City of Danville information
- 3) 5:7 - Centurylink Service and Broadband
Broadband is available in some locations of the County from Centurylink. The County is working on further venues to make broadband more assessable to the County.

Kurt Bozenmayer stated regarding the 1998 Comprehensive Plan we are receiving additional information with changes. The revisions from WPPDC needs reference a header and footer when the changes have been made so the Planning Commission will be aware of changes.

- 4) Adding and removing repetitious wording
- 5) 5:28 – Recreation - Public & Private – needs to separated. Need to list other public or private venues. Bullet list the trails hiking trails, biking trails, walking trails with how many miles.
- 6) Remove Pioneer Hospital.
Add Patrick County Family Practice, Patrick County Urgent Care and Free Caring Hearts showing the address locations.
- 7) STEP, INC – Bullet Point List – Services provided.
- 8) 5:11 – Public Safety - Update a few changes for the Fire & Rescue – Ararat Rescue Sub-station located in the Willis Gap and paid service stationed in Stuart, VA.
- 9) Bryce Simmons stated a grant for Healthy Patrick County Initiative with Nancy Bell, West Piedmont Health District. The grant is to expand broadband to the Rescue squads to perform basic telehealth in partnership with Free Caring Hearts and Patrick County Urgent Care. Bryce Simmons stated the Healthy Patrick County Initiative currently working with the Virginia Department of Health and the local service providers to expand telehealth opportunities. Joe Bonanno will revise to the statement regarding the Healthy Patrick County Initiative Broadband.

Goals – Objectives – Patrick County Citizens Input

Goals – Objective form will be advertised in the Newspaper, Radio, County website, Ruritan Clubs and local stores, library. Also, Rebecca Adcock with Chamber Commerce and Sarah Wray with Reynolds Homestead.

Public Hearing for the Planning Commission – August 12th @ 6 p.m.

Jane Fulk made a motion to close the meeting; seconded by Larry Cowley and carried unanimously by all voting members present.

Voting Yes: Larry Cowley, Richard Hazelwood, Sandra Belcher, Jane Fulk

Voting No: N/A

Abstaining: N/A

Absent: Mike Helms

The next Planning Commission meeting has been set for July20, 2021.

Teresa G. McCormick, Clerk to the Planning Commission
Mike Helms, Chairperson