

Patrick County Planning Commission Meeting

Minutes of July 21, 2020

Present: Mike Helms, Chairman, Sandra Belcher, Richard Hazelwood; members of the Planning Commission; Denise Stirewalt; Board of Supervisor.

Also Present: Teresa McCormick, Clerk; Bryce Simmons, Economic Development Director.

Also via Zoom: Owen Caldwell, Sarah Wray, Reynolds Homestead, Max Stephens, Laura Nagel and Julie Steele with Virginia Tech.

Absent: Larry Smith

Mike Helms, Chairman called the meeting order.

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:

A motion was made by Sandra Belcher to approve the Agenda as presented; seconded by Richard Hazelwood and carried unanimously by all voting members present.

A motion was made by Sandra Belcher to approve the May 19, 2020 minutes as presented; seconded by Mike Helms and carried unanimously by all voting members present.

Laura Nagel reviewed “Patrick County Survey for Organizations” handout created and conducted by the Reynolds Homestead and Virginia Tech Institute. This survey was emailed out to representatives of selected organizations operating in Patrick County.

Sandra Belcher stated the survey presented shows the County needs are; more money, volunteers and the interest people to help with the progression of the County.

Bryce Simmons asked “what was one thing that stuck out in the survey that we need to be aware”.

Max Stephens stated strategies for the future for the County should be conducted by the Planning Commission.

Sarah Wray asked “in preparing the survey, what points of interest should be included”?

Mike Helms stated the survey should address small businesses, agricultural and natural resources and a 10 year plan/vision for the County.

Denise Stirewalt left the meeting.

Richard Hazelwood stated in the different areas of the County, the Planning Commission needs to work with property owners who would promote to others in doing the survey.

Adjourn:

Sandra Belcher made a motion to close the meeting; seconded by Richard Hazelwood and carried unanimously by all voting members present.

The next Planning Commission meeting has been set for August 18, 2020.

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Mike Helms, Chairman