

Patrick County Planning Commission

Meeting of April 6, 2005

Present: Johnny Marion, Vice-Chairman, Bill Clark; and Cleve Lawson

Also Present: Michael Burnette, Assistant County Administrator
Jeannie Frisco, Secretary for the Commission; Jamie Clark, WHEO and Nancy Lindsey, The Enterprise

Absent: Leon Holt, Chairman

A meeting of the Patrick County Planning Commission was held on April 6, 2005 at 7:00 PM, in the Third Floor Conference Room of the Patrick County Administration building.

Mr. Johnny Marion, Vice-Chairman called the meeting to order. The minutes of the December 20, 2004 meeting were presented for approval. Motioned by Mr. Bill Clark and seconded by Mr. Cleve Lawson, the minutes were approved.

Voting Aye: All
Voting Nay: None

Mr. Charles Huff with Citizens Cablevision, Inc. in Floyd, Virginia presented written correspondence requesting a variance for public utility purposes from the Commission along with a survey. Planning Commission members reviewed the information submitted and by consensus scheduled a public hearing for Monday, April 18th at 7:00 PM. Mr. Burnette was instructed to send this notice to the local media. Mr. Burnette asked that the members look at other counties that have exemptions under subdivision ordinances for utility expansions and to consider adding a utility exemption clause to the Patrick County Subdivision Ordinance. He indicated that in the future with as much broadband and water and sewer extensions, this would be beneficial to keep the Planning Commission members from having to have so many public hearings.

Mr. Marion opened the floor for discussion regarding Subdivision Ordinance revisions drafted November 24, 2004. Members reviewed the ordinance and felt that they could not proceed without legal counsel present.

Mr. Marion asked Mr. Burnette to discuss the agenda item pertaining to the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Burnette indicated that it was his understanding that Mr. Holt has spoken with Bob Dowd with West Piedmont Planning District regarding updating the Comprehensive Plan that was written in 1998. This plan must be reviewed every five years. Mr. Burnette informed the Commission that since 1998, a 2000 census had been conducted and this information would need to be included. Mr. Marion decided to table this issue until Mr. Holt was present for discussion. Mr. Burnette presented each member with a copy of the 1998 Comprehensive Plan.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Bill Clark made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Cleve Lawson to adjourn the meeting.

Chairman

Date

