

Patrick County Planning Commission

Meeting of May 15, 2006

Present: Leon Holt, Chairman; Johnny Marion, Vice-Chairman; Cleve Lawson; Ed Anthony

Also Present: David Young, Board of Supervisors Member; Michael Burnette, Assistant County Administrator; Lisa Sheppard, Administrative Assistant; Jamie Clark, WHEO

Absent: Jonathan Large

A meeting of the Patrick County Planning Commission was held on May 15, 2006 at 7:00 PM, in the Second Floor Conference Room of the Patrick County Veterans' Memorial Building.

Mr. Leon Holt, Chairman called the meeting to order. The minutes of the August 15, 2005 meeting were presented for approval. Motioned by Mr. Johnny Marion and seconded by Mr. Ed Anthony, the minutes were approved.

Voting Aye: All
Voting Nay: None

COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN

Mr. Holt presented a memorandum that was forwarded to him from Ms. Regena Handy dated May 9, 2006 which was an overview of a directive from the Board of Supervisors pursuant to discussions at the Board of Supervisors Strategic Planning Retreat which was held on March 31st and April 1st, 2006. At the retreat, the board members discussed the vision of the development of a comprehensive land use plan for the County and asked that the Planning Commission take on this project.

Mr. David Young stated that as Patrick County develops, a framework should be established in order to keep the county growing in a positive direction and in order to protect the County's assets. He further stated that the County should retain its rural flavor, yet at the same time, should build the tax base. Mr. Young advised that the Board of Supervisors will continue to communicate with the Planning Commission throughout this process.

Mr. Holt encouraged the members to speak with the citizens in their respective districts in order to proceed in a positive manner. Discussion ensued as to the necessity of designating each parcel of land at the beginning of this process rather than proceeding in a piecemeal fashion. Categories would also need to be selected such as residential, agricultural, residential/agricultural, commercial, educational, etc., so that each parcel would receive the

correct designation. Mr. Holt stated that the members need to keep the public informed about this process and receive input from the people.

Mr. Holt reviewed with the members that there are currently three zoning ordinances applicable in Patrick County which are the two industrial park areas and Goose Point. He directed Mrs. Sheppard to mail copies of the zoning ordinances currently in effect to the members for their review. Copies of zoning ordinances for the surrounding counties were distributed to the members so they could familiarize themselves with the language involved in establishing land use ordinances. Mr. Holt directed the members to review these documents prior to the next scheduled meeting for further discussion. He also asked them to consider the different categories and descriptions for the parcels of land in Patrick County.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Mr. Leon Holt advised the members that Mr. Bob Dowd and Ms. Joan Hullett of the West Piedmont Planning District Commission are working on updating the Comprehensive Plan for Patrick County. The Comprehensive Plan is an informative document about the county which states the vision for the County's future. Mr. Holt distributed a copy of the 1998 Comprehensive Plan to the members for their review. He asked the members to inform him of any omissions or corrections that needed to be made. He advised that the West Piedmont Planning District Commission would send a chapter at a time for the members to review and amend.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Michael Burnette informed the members that the Board of Supervisors will hold another strategic planning session, and Mr. Holt encouraged the members to attend and participate in developing ideas.

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

Chairman

Date