

BLAND COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes for May 5th, 2008

Members Present:

R. B. Anderson, Guy Boone, Meagan Bradshaw, Henry Blessing, Elmer Chewning, John Dodson, Stephen Kelley, and Robert Trobaugh

Members Absent:

Jim Baker, Deborah Looney, and Jerry Mercer

Others Present:

Joel K. Cagle, Planning Commission Secretary, Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator; Mr. & Mrs. Jack Poe

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:30 PM, Planning Commission Vice-Chairman Elmer Chewning called the meeting of the Bland County Planning Commission to order at the Bland County School Board Office; Bastian, Virginia. The Invocation was delivered by Commissioner Anderson, and allegiance was pledged to the flag of our country.

ROLL CALL

Planning Commission Secretary Joel Cagle took the roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice-Chairman Chewning invited a motion to approve the minutes of the April 7th, 2008 meeting. Commissioner Anderson made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 7th, 2008 meeting; Commissioner Boone provided the second, and the motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS TABLED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

None

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PUBLIC HEARING

A request from the Bland County School Board to operate a Government use to include: Public School with a CUP; Tax Map #13A1-A-8 located on State Hwy 628 (Eagles Rd), just south of Rocky Gap High School.

Mr. John Dodson presented an overview of the Mountain Home project to convert a two story residence to a schoolroom/lab for Rocky Gap High School.

Commissioner Blessing made a motion to close the public hearing. A second was provided by Commissioner Anderson, and the motion passed unanimously with Commissioner Dodson abstaining.

Commissioner Kelley made a motion to present a CUP to the Bland County Board of Supervisors with the following conditions: NONE. Commissioner Anderson provided the second and the vote was as follows:

Boone:.....Abstained
Blessing:.....Yes
Kelley:.....Yes
Trobaugh:.....Yes
Chewning:.....Yes
Anderson:.....Yes
Dodson:.....Abstained
Bradshaw:.....Yes

OLD BUSINESS

*Commissioner Dodson asked County Administrator Sweet about the status of the wind turbines. Mr. Sweet answered that the county has some existing ordinances from other jurisdictions to modify for Bland County's needs for the review of the Planning Commission and County. An on site tour is planned for the Board of Supervisors and EDA on Friday May 9th, 2008; in Tucker County, West Virginia. The Planning Commission expressed interest in a field review of the site as well.

*Vice-Chairman Chewning asked for a review of the cemetery rules for Bland County. Mr. Sweet stated that Zoning covered only cemeteries where plots were sold or rented

for profit. Family internment did not fall under the zoning umbrella. Also, if the cemetery was to be placed at an unreceptive adjoining land owner, then it should be placed minimum 250 yards from unreceptive residence (Structure). If the adjoining neighbor is receptive, then it should be placed a minimum of 250 feet from receptive residence (Structure).

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NEW BUSINESS

Upcoming issues provided for informational purposes were:

- *Three proposed cell towers (Verizon Wireless)
- *Application sent out for Commercial Horse Stable

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kelley made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Anderson provided the second, Vice-Chairman Chewning obliged and the meeting was adjourned at 7:00PM.

Joel K. Cagle- Secretary
Planning Commission
County of Bland