

# **BLAND COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**

## **Meeting Minutes for July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

### **Members Present:**

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

### **Members Absent:**

Jim Baker, Deborah Looney, Jerry Mercer, David Taylor

### **Others Present:**

Joel K. Cagle, Planning Commission Secretary;

### **CALL TO ORDER**

At 6:00 PM, Joel Cagle called the meeting of the Bland County Planning Commission to order at the Bland County School Board Office; Bastian, Virginia. The Invocation was given by Joel Cagle and allegiance was pledged to the flag of our country by everyone present.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Secretary Cagle invited a motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Commissioner Chewning made the motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011; Commissioner Anderson provided the second, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Secretary Cagle informed the Commission on the need to rezone the old bank building in Rocky Gap from Agriculture to Commercial. Appalachian Leasing is proposing to convert the building into their new office. A motion was made to hold a public hearing on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 to receive public comments on the rezone application by Commissioner Kelley, a second was given by Commissioner Blessing, and the motion passed unanimously.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

The Comprehensive Plan was discussed. It was explained that the plan needs to be updated, however to meet the code of Virginia's timeline, the commission needs to review the present document, recommend it to the Board of Supervisors for their approval, with the knowledge that the document will be updated in the very near future to incorporate the 2010 Census Data, as well as other items of interest that need to be updated or other information added. It was discussed that Mount Rogers was willing to assist Bland County in this process, however early spring of 2012 would be the estimated start date, and a total re-write of the document would cost approximately \$10,000. The plan for the document is to be approved in its present condition, and revised in house for a cost savings. A motion was made by Commissioner Dodson to hold a public hearing to receive comments on the Comprehensive Plan at the next stated Commission meeting, a second was provided by Commissioner Blessing, and a unanimous vote was received.

**ITEMS TABLED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Planning Commission at this time, Commissioner Kelley made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Dodson provided the second, the motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:50PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Joel K. Cagle- Secretary  
Planning Commission  
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