

BLAND COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes for May 6, 2019

Members Present:

Meagan Bradshaw, John Dodson, Elmer Chewning, Wade Hall, Guy Boone, Steve Hermansen, Jim Baker

Members Absent:

Randy Johnson, Jerry Mercer

Others Present:

Joel K. Cagle, Planning Commission Secretary
Brian Reed; MRPDC

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice-Chairman Bradshaw invited a motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 1, 2019. Commissioner Dodson made the motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 1, 2019; Commissioner Hall provided the second, and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

- A proposal was presented to modify the definition of Professional Office. It was noted that if someone wished to operate a clerical office within the county, there is no designation for the office to operate. Vice-Chairman Bradshaw opened the public hearing, there being no registered speakers, the public hearing was closed. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Dodson to recommend the Board of Supervisors change the definition from: "Professional office means an office in which business is conducted by the following professions: physicians and surgeons, lawyers, members of the clergy, architects, engineers, or other persons holding advanced degrees. The term is not intended to include insurance agents, insurance adjusters, realtors photo studios, beauty parlors, barbershops, dance schools, business schools, or any establishment engaged in sales or trade." To "Professional office means a building or

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structure used for office space for businesses, non-profits, and/or other professional service operations. Professional Offices may include regular visits and interactions with clients, customers, or patrons on-site. Examples include accountants or lawyers, architects and engineers, travel agent, data processing centers, clerical, or similar office environments.” A second was provided by Commissioner Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

-None

OLD BUSINESS

-Comprehensive Plan edits were discussed. Chapter Five was reviewed. There were some edits to clarify wording.

-Zoning Definitions were discussed with possible edits made for review.

ITEMS TABLED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Planning Commission at this time, Commissioner Baker made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Dodson provided the second, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joel K. Cagle- Secretary
Planning Commission
County of Bland