

Bland County Planning Commission Minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 4, 2005.

Members Present:

Jerry Mercer, Elmer Chewning, Allen Newberry, Henry Blessing, Stephen Kelley, John Dodson, Deborah Looney and Guy Boone

Members Absent:

Robert Trobaugh, R.B. Anderson and Jim Baker

Others Present:

Jonathan D. Sweet, Planning Commission Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:30 PM, Planning Commission Chairman, Jerry Mercer called the meeting of the Bland County Planning commission to order at the Bland County School Board Office, Bastian, Virginia.

ROLL CALL

Planning Commission Secretary Jonathan D. Sweet took the roll call and announced that there was indeed a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Mercer requested a motion to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2005 meeting as presented, Vice Chairman Chewning made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2005 meeting as presented, Commission Member Kelley provided a second to the motion, and it passed as written by acclamation.

ITEMS TABLED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

None

PUBLIC HEARING ON CUP APPLICATION

Bland County Economic Development Authority's Request to Rezone Property

Secretary Sweet informed the Planning Commission that they were unable to have a Public Hearing on this matter due to failure to advertise for two consecutive weeks in a locally circulated news paper. Secretary Sweet stated that pursuant to the Code of Virginia § 15.2-2204, the local planning commission is required to advertise once a week, for two consecutive weeks, a public hearing for any change to the ordinance. He further conveyed that the County had submitted a request to the Bland Messenger for such a legal ad to run consecutively, however, the Messenger failed to print the second

notice in the March 30th addition of the Bland Messenger. Secretary Sweet noted that he would be drafting a letter seeking reimbursement for the wasted expense of the single advertisement that ran in the March 23rd addition of the Bland Messenger.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Look to schedule a Public Hearing on proposed addition(s) to the Bland County Zoning Ordinance.

Secretary Sweet brought forth two (2) proposed additions for the Commission to consider for inclusion under the approved uses in Division 2., Agricultural District and their proposed definitions.

The proposed additions were as follows:

ZONING

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 62-1. Definitions.

Storage Yard, Landscape Contractor means any area used primarily for the storage of equipment and products used in a commercial landscape operation.

DIVISION 2. Agricultural District (AG)*

Sec. 62-222. Uses Permitted.

(43) Storage Yard, Landscape Contractor, with a conditional use permit.

ZONING

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 62-1. Definitions.

Cottage Industry means a business in an Agricultural District conducted primarily by the residents of the

property manufacturing artistic, handicraft and other craft items.

DIVISION 2. Agricultural District (AG)*

Sec. 62-222. Uses Permitted.

(44) Cottage Industry, with a conditional use permit.

The Commission collectively reviewed and discussed the proposed additions and agreed that we should look to discuss and consider them further through the public hearing process.

Chairman Mercer requested a motion to hold a public hearing to include the two (2) proposed additions to the Bland County Zoning Ordinance under the approved uses in Division 2., Agricultural District and their proposed definitions. Commission Member Looney made the motion to hold a public hearing to include the two (2) proposed additions to the Bland County Zoning Ordinance under the approved uses in Division 2., Agricultural District, and their proposed definitions. Commission Member Dodson provided the second and after no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Time Change.

It was brought to the Chairman's attention that a meeting time change may be in order due to the daylight savings time change that we are now experiencing.

Chairman Mercer requested a motion to change the regular meeting time of the Bland County Planning Commission in consideration of the recent daylight savings time change. Commission Member Newberry made a motion to change the regular meeting time of the Commission to 7:00 PM. Vice Chairman Chewing provided a second. Chairman Mercer then asked for discussion. There was no discussion and the motion carried. The new meeting time to be advertised for the Bland County Planning Commission is 7:00 PM at the Bland County School Board Office, Bastian, VA.

ADJOURNMENT

Commission Member Newberry made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Chairman Mercer obliged – the meeting was adjourned.