

PLANNING COMMISSION
April 21, 2010

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2010, AT 7:30 PM IN THE COUNTY MEETING ROOM.

Those present were:

- Norman Slezak, Chairman
- Bill Martin, Vice-Chairman
- Anthony Herring, Member
- Davis Lamb, Member
- Frank Steele, Member
- Carl Schmitt, Ex-Officio Member
- Bart Svoboda, Planning Director
- Shawn Leake, Zoning Officer
- Marsha Alley, Secretary

Mr. Slezak called the meeting to order. He welcomed the newest member, Frank Steele, to his first meeting.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Mr. Slezak took a roll call vote to determine a quorum. He explained that the agenda would need to be revised due to a current technical difficulty, noting that the CIP would be reviewed first.

PUBLIC HEARINGS
Capital Improvements Plan (CIP)

Mr. Svoboda reviewed the proposed CIP describing several of the department project requests and the priority year for that project.

There was discussion regarding the department responses or lack thereof.

The chairman opened the public hearing.

There being no public comment, the public hearing was closed.

There was discussion regarding which projects qualify for inclusion in the CIP as well as the water impoundment issues.

There was discussion regarding the process of prioritizing requests within departments and the role of the Planning Commission in reviewing the CIP.

There was discussion regarding the importance of the CIP in relation to the County budget process as well as the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Slezak stated that he believes that more information is needed from the

specific departments regarding the requests and priority in order for the Commission to make an informed recommendation.

Mr. Lamb suggested that the departments submitted itemizations for the cost.

Mr. Herring agreed with the other comments and suggested that departments be notified that if requests are not submitted then money will not be allotted to those departments that do not respond.

There was discussion and agreement regarding departmental submissions and the need for more information.

Mr. Martin made a motion to defer the CIP to the May 19, 2010 meeting due to the lack of information.

Mr. Steele seconded the motion

The vote was taken.

AYE

Mr. Herring
Mr. Lamb
Mr. Steele
Mr. Martin
Mr. Slezak

NAY

The motion to defer consideration of the CIP until the May 19, 2010 meeting carried by a unanimous vote.

AFD Program

Mr. Svoboda explained that the Agricultural & Forestal District program is up for renewal. He reviewed the current responses and acreages as provided by Larry Snow, Commissioner of the Revenue. He also reviewed the language with some minor revisions as recommended by the AFD Committee. He noted that the AFD Committee made the following recommendations:

- Changing the AFD participation time limit from ten years to five years.
- Continuation of the current AFD program in accordance with Article 3 of the Greene County Code.

There was discussion regarding the Commission's role in the AFD program renewal and time limit regulations.

The chairman opened the public hearing.

Carl Schmitt addressed the Commission. He stated that some properties may not be listed in the AFD program but the properties have been placed in conservation easements which are more protected.

There being no further public comment, the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Herring asked if Mr. Svoboda had any knowledge regarding the public comment.

Mr. Svoboda stated that he had no specific knowledge as the AFD program is handled by the Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue. He added that the Commissioner has stated that any property listed on the Remain or Remove lists have been placed on the appropriate list as a result of the property owners' response and submittal to the Commissioner's office.

There was discussion regarding the conservation easement concern, time limit requirements, and clarification of the possible motions.

Mr. Herring made a motion to recommend approval of the continuation of the AFD program in agreement with the recommendations of the AFD Committee which included the following:

- Changing the AFD participation time limit from ten years to five years.
- Continuation of the current AFD program in accordance with Article 3 of the Greene County Code.

Mr. Martin seconded the motion.

The vote was taken.

AYE

Mr. Herring
Mr. Lamb
Mr. Steele
Mr. Martin
Mr. Slezak

NAY

The motion to recommend approval of the continuation of the AFD program carried by a unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Slezak asked for an update regarding the Stanardsville Planning Commission duties.

Mr. Svoboda stated that both the Town and the County have agreed to allow the County Planning Commission to serve as the Town Planning Commission as well. He informed the Commission that Town ordinances would be distributed as it is not the same one as the County.

By consensus vote, the agenda was amended to hear Other Planning Matters prior to the Comprehensive Plan discussion.

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

Leon Szeptycki, UVA Environmental Law Clinic, addressed the Commission along with a student, Lance Brimhall. He added that Robbi Savage, of the Rivanna Conservation Society, was unable to attend tonight. He gave a presentation regarding the Rivanna Watershed and reviewed the booklet "Reducing Runoff from New Development: Recommendations for Greene County". He added that he and his students are available to assist the county in regard to water/runoff related issues.

There was a brief discussion regarding some parking issue questions relating to runoff.

Mr. Herring stated that Mr. Ratzlaff, the current E & S inspector, is doing a fine job, noting that progress has been made from previous times and adding that Mr. Ratzlaff meets regularly with DCR to review county sites and issues. He noted that there is always room for improvement.

OLD BUSINESS

Comprehensive Plan

Mr. Slezak informed the Commission that the Virginia Department of Transportation has some new regulations relating to secondary roads as of July 2009. He added that Mr. Wanner has already addressed those new regulations in the current draft of the plan.

Bill Wanner, of Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission, addressed the Commission. He distributed the current Draft copy of the Comprehensive Plan dated April 14, 2010. He reviewed the addendum sheets reflecting the comments from the previous meeting and reviewed the changes that were requested.

There were several notations made regarding blank pages. Mr. Wanner explained that some of those blank pages are a printing issue because the document is so large, in pages, file size, data, and graphics.

Mr. Slezak referred to the Erosion and Sediment Control Management section of the Plan and reviewed the addition of a paragraph to address runoff. The Commissioners agreed to the addition of the paragraph.

There was discussion regarding the possible of approval of the Plan with the corrections and clarifications mentioned at this meeting.

Mr. Svoboda stated that the addition of the suggested paragraph should be worded in a general manner.

There was a general consensus among the members.

On behalf of the Commission, Mr. Herring thanked Mr. Wanner for his patience and assistance throughout this process.

Mr. Martin made a motion to recommend approval of the Greene County Comprehensive Plan, dated April 14, 2010 with the changes that have been agreed upon at tonight's meeting, including but not limited to the inclusion of the VDOT regulations and the paragraph addressing runoff.

Mr. Lamb seconded the motion.

The vote was taken.

AYE

Mr. Herring
Mr. Lamb
Mr. Steele
Mr. Martin
Mr. Slezak

NAY

The motion to recommend approval of the Greene County Comprehensive Plan, dated April 14, 2010 carried by a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the March 17, 2010 meeting were approved as submitted by a unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Alley
Secretary