

Carter County Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 22, 2011

Members Present

Members Absent

Ralph Watson, Vice-Chairman
Bill Armstrong
Jerry Smith
Mary Ann Patton
Steve Chambers
Richard Renfro
Russ Kyte
Richard Winters
Bob L. Townsend
Jack Campbell
Steve Pierce, Chairman
Tom "Yogi" Bowers

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Schuettler, Director
Justyn Markland, Codes Enforcement
Tony Gouge, Codes Enforcement
Diane Cannon, Secretary
Jack Hampton, Permits

LOCAL PLANNING STAFF PRESENT

Glenn Rosenoff, F.T.D.D.

The Chairman called the meeting to order. Roll called and visitors welcomed. Motion by Mr. Renfro to accept October 2011 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Watson. Minutes approved unanimously.

1. **Jack Hampton's Permit Report.** Mr. Hampton reported \$1,065.00 in permits were written for the month of October and a total of \$12,815 in permit fees were collected for the year so far.
2. **Codes Enforcement Officer's Report.** Mr. Markland gave the report for the month of October. He reported several properties had gone to court with Mr. Brown and Misty Cox properties now in compliance. Mr. Markland presented a PowerPoint presentation of properties and requested a motion to take Mr. E. G. Brookshire and Mr. Dan Birkner to court for failure to comply with repeated requests for clean up of their properties. Mr. Yogi Bowers made the motion and Mr. Watson seconded. Motion passed.
3. **Animal Control Officer's Report.** Mr. Schuettler noted that Ms. Dugger was not in attendance for today's meeting and that her report was in their packet for review. Chairman Pierce asked about the new shelter and recent bids that were opened. Mr. Bill Armstrong, Chairman of the Animal Shelter Board (and a member of the

planning commission) stated that the bids had been opened but had come in about \$300,000.00 over projected cost estimates and budget.

4. **Mary Ann Patton's Report on Commercial Property.** Mrs. Patton presented a report of properties owned by the county as well as private individuals that are suitable for commercial businesses to locate on. She stated the court house retrieval system was used to locate large parcels of land then she and Mayor Humphrey would drive out to look at the property. Mr. Chambers complimented Mrs. Patton for her report and stated as a member of both the county and planning commissions he had been in attendance for both meetings when she presented it to each board and felt it was a good report.
5. **Glenn Rosenoff, F.T.D.D. Update.** Mr. Rosenoff gave an update on an inquiry regarding accessory buildings in the county and stated that he had seen buses, bread trucks, cars, and dilapidated structures used for storage buildings. He will address the issue again next month.
6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS: A.) Jo Ann Jarrett, Animal Control Issue.** Mrs. Jarrett pointed out this was the third meeting that the animal control officer had missed. She further stated she did not know why she (Amanda) was driving around her community for hours a few weeks earlier. She asked why no one else but her son had been asked for proof of rabies shots for his dog. (Mrs. Jarrett had called to report dogs running at large in her neighborhood and Amanda had to go out to try to locate them. While there several neighbors voiced concerns for Mrs. Jarrett's son's dog due to the lack of a doghouse. Amanda left a door hanger requesting he call the C.C.P.O. regarding the dog. As is common procedure for animals that she had identified the owners, she requested proof of rabies vaccinations.) Mrs. Jarrett stated she felt that her son was being singled out in spite due to conflicts between herself and Amanda in the past. **B.) Bobby Harding, Runoff Issue.** Mr. Harding appeared before the planning commission regarding a problem with Storieland Mobile Home Park owned by Steven Storie. Due to brush and trees being placed in a ditchline Mr. Harding's property gets flooded when it rains heavily. Mr. Schuettler stated he and Jimmy Church had gone by on two occasions to speak with Mr. Storie and he was not home. Mr. Schuettler stated that Mr. Storie had recently been released from the Carter County Jail and appeared to be living off the property. He asked that Mr. Harding call if he saw Mr. Storie on site and he would come straight to the property and speak to him about clearing the ditch. **C.) Mr. Jim Dabbondanza, Code of Ethics.** Mr. Dabbondanza addressed the Code of Ethics policy that county employees must adhere to and questioned whether or not they had to sign anything that state they have read and will abide by the code. He stated he felt that all employees should have to do so.
7. **Director's Comments: A.)** Mr. Schuettler reemphasized the Code of Ethics. **B.) IRC/IBC 2009 Adoption.** Mr. Watson made motion to approve and continue to County Court the 2009 IRC/IBC and Mr. Kyte seconded the motion. Chairman Pierce signed the document and Mr. Schuettler will ensure it is presented to the County Court during the Dec. 19, 2011 meeting at 6pm. **C.) TDOT Mitigation Program.** Mr. Schuettler stated that a drastic mistake had been avoided during the County Commission meeting the day before. Had the proposal passed it could have cost Carter County several million (\$2.1M) in grant money at both the state and federal levels. (During the director's comments Mr. Roy Livingston stepped to the

podium and was asked by the chairman, Steve Pierce to take a seat. Mr. Livingston stated he wished to make a public comment. Mr. Pierce stated he should have given an answer to a request for more information regarding his request to speak regarding Rules and Regulations. Diane Cannon, secretary to Planning Office staff, had asked several days prior to the meeting for Mr. Livingston to elaborate on his topic and his reply was "general" questions. Mr. Pierce had his name removed from the agenda due to lack of information requested beforehand.)

8. **Adjournment.** Ralph Watson made the motion to adjourn and Richard Winters seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

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H. Diane Cannon

Secretary