

# MACON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2003

A meeting of the Macon County Planning Board was held on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2003 at the Macon County Courthouse. The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am.

Planning Board members present included Ronnie Beale, Lamar Sprinkle, Richard Baldwin, Evelyn Southard, Neville Bryson, Jimmy Goodman and Eric Pierson. Commission Liaison Mark West was present as well as Byron McClure from the County. Members of the press as well as a few interested citizens were also in attendance. Mayor-elect Joe Collins and Town Administrator Mike Decker was also present. Following a short lunch, Chairman Beale commenced with the business of the meeting.

As the first order of business, Jimmy Goodman made the motion to adopt the minutes from the October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Chairman Beale asked that the motion be amended to change the word *warned* to *suggested* in the minutes. Richard Baldwin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Goodman also asked that the November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes be changed to reflect *community involvement* as the fourth item of discussion. Larry Stenger agreed and made a motion to adopt the minutes with the change. Evelyn Southard seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Board immediately began a discussion the issue of Planning Board membership expansion to include a representative from each of the incorporated municipalities. After a short introduction by Joe Collins, Mike Decker was introduced as the candidate to fill the planning seat for the Town of Franklin. Jimmy Goodman made the motion to add Mike Decker as a member, Larry Stenger seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The next order of business involved a discussion of Planning Board By-Laws and/or rules of procedure. Byron McClure informed members that when the former Planning Board was abolished and restructured in 2001, past by-laws were made null and void. Consequently, McClure instructed the Board to adopt a set of by-laws at a future meeting. Richard Baldwin made a motion asking Byron McClure to develop a new set of by-laws to be reviewed by the board at the next meeting. Eric Pierson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. McClure agreed and suggested that he also consult with the County Attorney.

As the final order of business, the Board began a lengthy discussion concerning direction in the future. Discussion centered on the need for mission statements and visioning. Many members also raised the discussion of when and how to get the public involved in any future endeavor. One member presented the idea of creating separate task forces to study different aspects of land use planning. Another brought up the idea of seeking outside help for consultation on creating and implementing a land use plan. Still others thought that the board should tackle one issue at a time. As the discussion went ahead, Chairman Beale asked each member to come to the next meeting prepared to submit a mission statement and a list of priorities for a December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

With no further business Chairman Beale adjourned the meeting.

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Clerk/Secretary

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Chairman Ronnie Beale