

MACON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

January 14th, 2004

A special meeting of the Macon County Planning Board was held on January 14th, 2004 at the Macon County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting was to have a training workshop for the Planning Board members. The workshop was conducted by representatives from the NC Division of Community Assistance in Asheville. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

Planning Board members present included Ronnie Beale, Mark West, Lamar Sprinkle, Richard Baldwin, Susan Ervin, Evelyn Southard, Jimmy Goodman, Mike Decker, Larry Stenger, Eric Pierson, and County Planner Byron McClure. DCA representatives Jeff Fischbach, Woody Harton, and Ginny Faust were present to conduct the workshop. Members of the press as well as a few interested citizens were also in attendance.

After a brief introduction by Jeff Fischbach, board members listened to the workshop presentation from Fischbach and Harton. Topics included statutes governing the Planning Board, conduct of members, land use plans, zoning ordinances as well as many other topics. At the conclusion of the presentation, members asked many questions from the DCA representatives focusing mainly on Macon County' situation. A lengthy discussion ensued.

After discussion, the Planning Board agreed that the first step in the upcoming process was to decide what high impact uses are most eminently a threat in Macon County. After discussion, Byron McClure asked that the board come to the next meeting prepared to present high impact uses, objectionable effects of those uses, and possible mitigation techniques. The board agreed and decided to take up the issue at the next meeting.

With no further business, Chairman Beale adjourned the meeting.

Clerk

Chairman Ronnie Beale