

# MACON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

## June 21, 2006

A meeting of the Macon County Planning Board was held on June 21st, 2006 at the Environment Resource Center. The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm.

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Planning Board members present were Larry Stenger, Lamar Sprinkle, Evelyn Owens, Jimmy Goodman, Susan Ervin, Eric Pierson, Alan Marsh, Mike Decker, County Planner Stacy Guffey and Planning Assistant Gregory Hunt, Charlie Leatherman – Commissioners Liaison, members of the press and members of the general public

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Allen Marsh made the motion to adopt the May 25<sup>th</sup> minutes. Susan Ervin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Stenger opened meeting by discussing his way of running a meeting and it would be by following Robert Rules of Order. Stenger then introduced Lewis Penland as the new Board member. Penland gave a short bio to the Board, press and public that were present. Stenger spoke on Commissioners discussion and vote on the proposed Subdivision Regulations at their June meeting. Stenger asked Leatherman if and in what format can the Planning Board make additional recommendations to the Commissioners in regards to the Proposed Subdivision Regulations. Leatherman stated the Board could make recommendations as long as the intent of the original regulations is not changed. Stenger asked for a motion to discuss the Proposed Subdivision Regulations. Owens made the motion with Ervin offering the second and the vote passed unanimously. Stenger open the floor for discussion on the family exemption section proposed to be included in the regulation by asking if the Board members wanted to include the exemption. Sprinkle asked if this would change the intent of the regulation as presented to the Commissioners. Stenger tried to explain the intent and what the changes would do. Goodman made a motion to accept the family exemption language into the Subdivision Regulations and present this to the Commissioners, Owens offered the second and the vote was 7 members for and Ervin being the sole opposing vote. Open discussion continued on intent, public input and purpose of suggestions from Board to Commissioners. Stenger asked Board for consideration to address Commissioners to work on Steep Slope as part of the follow-up and continued work on Subdivision Regulations. Open discussion ensued on this request. Leatherman explained his and the Commissioners position on the current draft of the regulation and any further drafts proposed. Stenger lectured the Board on responsibilities, giving an example of as a developer, a concept he created and doing right and wrong. Goodman made a motion to let Commissioners direct the Board, motion died due to lack of a second. Ervin made a motion to ask Commissioners for additional work for Health and Safety issues, it also died due to lack of a second. Stenger asked Jerry Sutton, Clarks Chapel Fire Department Board of Directors, to speak on roads from the fire department and rescue point of view. Sutton explained to Board the problem really isn't the roads in subdivision but the driveways leading into home sites. Sutton stated that some roads are problematic but for the most part the roads that are being built are wide enough and are in suitable standards for their 24 feet fire trucks. Stenger opened discussion on road standards. Goodman made a motion to accept road standard language in the handout from Guffey, County Planner. Due to lack of a second the motion died. Leatherman reviewed items he will be taking to the Commissioners that came out of the open discussions at this meeting. Guffey agreed to send email to Commissioners and Board regarding items that came out of the discussions at this meeting.

### **PUBLIC SESSION:**

No one chose to speak at this session; however several members of the public did make comments and asked questions during the meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Guffey talked to Board about Joint Session with Macon County Watershed Council to have a presentation from Rick Wooten, NC Geological Survey, on the new landslide mapping for Macon County.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM.