

MACON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

September 27, 2006

A meeting of the Macon County Planning Board was held on September 27, 2006 at the Environment Resource Center. The meeting was called to order at 3:10 pm.

CALL TO ORDER:

Planning Board members present were Larry Stenger, Lamar Sprinkle, Evelyn Owens, Susan Ervin, Eric Pierson, Alan Marsh, Mike Decker, Ronnie Beale, Lewis Penland, Jimmy Goodman, 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:

Alan Marsh made the motion to adopt the June 21st and July 25th minutes. Larry Stenger seconded the motion; Larry Stenger asked that the word “lectured” be struck due to it being too harsh of a word, the minutes passed unanimously with this modification.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Beale opened the meeting with discussion on what will take place during the meeting. Beale mentioned upcoming election of officers. Guffey highlighted the upcoming expiration of Board members terms. Beale asked the Board that if they are unable to serve another term when their current term expired, to give notice and consideration for replacements.

Beale submitted his letter of resignation as Planning Board Chairman and Planning Member effective immediately.

Goodman asked for discussion on why Beale was resigning and he didn't think it was necessary. Beale explained his reasons for resigning. Goodman expressed his desire for Beale to remain on the Board until after the election and then look at his options.

Beale turned the meeting over to Stenger, who becomes the Planning Board Chairman until elections in January 2007. Stenger started by reading a statement to the Board on responsibility and planning for the future of Macon County and the Planning Board. Stenger announced he has setup an email account to give the Board members and the general public a forum in which they can communicate and discussion issues.

Stenger asked Leatherman to discuss his notes on the Proposed Subdivision Regulations. Leatherman gave accolades to Beale for his work on the Board and as Chairman of the Board. Leatherman informed the Board they could make suggestions and comments to commissioners after presentation as long as it doesn't change the intent of the original document. Leatherman read the 7 points of concern/interest to be used for inclusion, deletion or revision of the original presented draft. Leatherman stated the Board needs to incorporate these 7 changes to ordinance and present it to the Commissioners. Beale asked if Subdivision Ordinance was done to help the Soil and Erosion Control Officer and the Soil and Erosion Control Ordinance. Open discussion began on this issue. Goodman made a motion to delay any action on the Subdivision Ordinance to next meeting, October 18th. Owens seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Open discussion on proposed ordinance process and why and where ordinance has been and what has been done with it. Leatherman informed the Board that the Commissioners were ready to vote on the proposed document at their next meeting, however if the Board needed more time then they should be prepared to present it at the Commissioners November meeting for consideration and vote. It was decided the Planning Department would resend copies of the 7 points of interest/concerns along with the most recent draft of the proposed Subdivision Ordinance to all Board members for review and comments.

PUBLIC SESSION:

No one chose to speak at this session.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Larry Stenger – Chairman

Stacy Guffey – Clerk/Secretary to the Board