

MACON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

May 21st , 2002

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm. Members present included Susan Ervin, Ronnie Beale, Lamar Sprinkle, and Eric Pierson. Planning staff members Joe Stark and Byron McClure were in attendance. Candice Cunningham from the *Franklin Press* was on hand as well.

As the first order of business, Chairman Beale commenced the meeting at 5:00. He opened the meeting with a discussion about the Macon County Sign Control Ordinance. Chairman Beale reminded the Board about past discussions surrounding the Sign Ordinance and the possibility of some changes to be proposed. Beale then allowed Joe Stark and Byron McClure to discuss the Sign Ordinance more thoroughly with the Board members. McClure and Stark identified some administrative issues associated with the enforcement of the ordinance as well as some substantive changes discussed in previous meetings.

A lengthy discussion ensued. Many concerns and ideas were shared between Board members as well as staff. With many ideas and concerns in hand, Byron McClure informed the Board that he would meet with Sign Control experts with the Division of Community Assistance. Chairman Beale asked Byron to share the contents of that meeting at a future Planning Board meeting.

Joe Stark and Byron McClure informed the Board of the expiration of the seven-year grandfathering period for non-compliant signs in Macon County. McClure informed the Board that a Sign Inventory would be conducted over the summer. He would share the success of the program at a future meeting.

With no further business Chairman Beale adjourned the meeting at 6:45.

Chairman Ronnie Beale