

Carter County Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

November 27, 2012

(Cancelled due to bomb threat & rescheduled and held Dec. 11, 2012)

APPROVED  
Diane Cannon

Members Present

Steve Pierce, Chairman  
Jack Campbell  
Bill Armstrong  
Mary Ann Patton  
Tom "Yogi" Bowers  
Richard Winters  
Steve Chambers  
Russ Kyte  
Bob L. Townsend

Members Absent

Richard "Dickie" Renfro  
Jerry Smith  
Ralph Watson

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Schuettler, Director  
Jimmy Church, Assistant Director  
Diane Cannon, Secretary  
Justyn Markland

LOCAL PLANNING STAFF PRESENT

Glenn Rosenoff, F.T.D.D.

The Chairman called the meeting to order. Roll called and visitors welcomed. Motion by Mr. Chambers to accept October 2012 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Kyte. Minutes approved unanimously.

**1.) Jack Hampton's Report:** Mr. Hampton is still out on sick leave and his report was presented by Justin Markland. (See attached).

**2.) Codes Enforcement Report:** Codes Enforcement Officer, Justyn Markland presented a power point presentation of current properties being worked. Several showed improvements and one had reached compliance. (Report attached). Chairman Pierce questioned overgrowth and how the problem is handled by codes. Mr. Schuettler stated a lot of overgrowth leads to vandals. Failure by the owners to comply with requests leads to the owners being taken to court by the county attorney and court costs and fines being levied. Mr. Thomas Bowers, board member and former codes officer for the city of Elizabethton, stated the process takes a long time. Mr. Schuettler said he had spoken to Atty. Bowers and he was going to speak with Washington County regarding the process used by Washington County. Mrs. Patton stated the process currently used by Carter County has "no bite". Mr. Schuettler added that Chancery Court is an option but a much costlier one to the county (as opposed to sessions court).

**3.) Stormwater Resolution.** Mr. Schuettler handed out a amended copy of the storm water resolution which has "hot spot" and illicit discharge matters addressed. Staff

recommended approval. Mr. Thomas Bowers made the motion and Mr. Bob Townsend seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Schuettler advised the next meeting would include educational training on the storm water issue.

**4.) Director's Comments.** Mr. Schuettler stated he and County Attorney Bowers are working on the 2012 MS4 report. One more bid is currently needed before a decision on who will monitor streams can be made. Most of the streams are already monitored in many areas. Chairman Pierce questioned the cost of such monitoring. Mr. Schuettler advised that each stream cost between \$1,800 and \$2,500 per session. Chairman Pierce inquired about the possibility of Representative Williams readdressing the matter of unfunded mandates.

**5.) Adjournment.** Mr. Schuettler asked Mrs. Cannon if anyone had requested to speak to the board. Mrs. Cannon advised him no one had. Mr. Schuettler made request for motion to adjourn. At this time Mr. Chambers asked for an update on a matter he addressed in October following a deadly crash in his district (people from his district had asked for his help with getting a stop light installed). Mr. Schuettler stated he was working on the matter and needed an idea of how many wrecks had occurred at the same location from 1999 to the present date resulting in injury or death. Mr. Kyte made the motion to adjourn and Mrs. Patton seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.