

PICKENS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

September 9, 2019

Chairman Cagle called the Pickens County Planning Commission to order at 6:00 p.m.

I. ATTENDANCE

Bill Cagle
Pat Holmes
Clayton Preble
Harold Hensley
Jim Fowler
Lee Thrasher

County Staff in attendance:

Rodney Buckingham – Planning & Development Director
Phil Landrum-Attorney
Miranda Siniard
Stacey Godfrey

Others in attendance:

Dan Pool – Progress
KnowPickens.com
Ethan Calhoun-NGRC

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Cagle gave the invocation.

III. MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Clayton Preble, seconded by Commissioner Lee Thrasher, to adopt the minutes of the July 8, 2019, meeting as written. Members voted unanimously 5 (yes) to 0 (no) to approve the minutes as amended.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review of County Ordinances.

Rodney Buckingham proposed the Planning Commission with new language and definitions to consider for County ordinances. He introduced Ethan Calhoun of the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission, who has been assisting in this process. Some of the topics suggested to discuss were Uses Prohibited for Residential Occupancy, Temporary Locations, Requiring a minimum floor area for single-family dwellings, Conditional uses in Agriculture, wineries, wedding venues, etc. Farming, Organic Farming and Processing, Agritourism, Event Centers, and Alcohol Production Operations. Mr. Calhoun explained the definitions and how surrounding counties were implementing like ordinances. Some of the topics specifically brought up in discussion were temporary location of campers, tiny houses, and organic farming and processing. Commissioner Lee Thrasher, questioned overnight sleeping being permitted at the temporary location.

Commissioner Harold Hensley questioned the ordinance regarding living in campers and why there were campers allowed in the Mobile Home park on Refuge Road. Minimum square footage was another discussion in length, Commissioner Bill Cagle ask Mr. Calhoun for language of why we are implementing a minimum square footage for tiny houses. Organic Farming, Agritourism, and Spot Zoning was also discussed. Mr. Calhoun stated he will research and update the proposal for the next meeting. The Planning Commission ask to keep the information fresh and for Mr. Calhoun to meet with them again in October to discuss the updated proposed ordinances.

V. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VI. BOARD COMMENTS

None.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Clayton Preble, seconded by Commissioner Lee Thrasher, to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Unanimous approval 5 (yes) to 0 (no).