

PICKENS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

April 13, 2020

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

I. ATTENDANCE

Pat Holmes
Harold Hensley
Maurice Hendrix
Jim Fowler
Bill Cagle

County Staff in attendance:

Justin Kilgore – Planning & Development Director
Stacey Godfrey
Phil Landrum- County Attorney

Others in attendance:

KnowPickens.com- Mari Livsey

II. PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Bill Cagle led Prayer.

III. MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Harold Hensley, seconded by Commissioner Maurice Hendrix, to adopt the minutes of the March 9, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Pat Holmes pointed out that there was a mistake in the previous months minutes that needed to be corrected on RZ-190012. The minutes read that “The Planning Commission voted three (3) yes, Commissioners, Pat Holmes, Clayton Preble, and Jim Fowler, and (2) two, Commissioner Harold Hensley, and Maurice Hendrix, no to approve the rezone request of 35.44 acres as a conditional use. Unanimous Approval.”, we have since change from Unanimous Approval to Passed 3 (Yes) to 2 (No). Members voted unanimously 4 (Yes) to 0 (No) to approve the minutes as amended.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

Phil Landrum, the County Attorney, ask to suspend the normal way of doing business for the applicants due to the COVID-19 situation. Because of the special circumstances the Planning & Development Office allowed the applicants to be reached by phone instead of attending the

meeting. Commissioner Harold Hensley made a motion to allow applicants to be reached by phone, seconded by Maurice Hendrix. The Planning Commission voted Four (4) Yes to (0) No to approve the special circumstances.

A. RZ-190016 Ben Weatherby, 1460 Camp Dobbs Road, Jasper

A public hearing was held to review a rezone application submitted by Benjamin Weatherby to change parcel 062-011, a 4-acre tract from Agricultural (AG) to Rural Residential (RR). Justin Kilgore presented the staff report. The intent is to build a single-family residence for his fiancé and himself.

After reviewing the application, receiving the staff report recommending the approval, the Public Hearing was closed. Commissioner Jim Fowler made a motion to approve, seconded by Pat Holmes, to recommend approval of the rezone request to Rural Residential (RR). The Planning Commission voted Four (4) Yes, and (0) No, to approve the rezone request of 4 acres from Agricultural (AG) to Rural Residential (RR). Unanimous Approval.

B. RZ-190017 Denise Kiely, Hwy 53 West, Jasper

A public hearing was held to review a rezone application submitted by Denise Kiely to change parcel 032-062, a 15-acre tract from Suburban Residential (SR) to Highway Business (HB). Justin Kilgore presented the staff report, the intent is to build a commercial development.

After reviewing the application, receiving the staff report recommending the approval, and listening to testimony from applicant via phone, the Public Hearing was closed. Commissioner Pat Holmes made a motion to table this rezone until the next meeting because of lack of participation from the community due to COVID-19 and the existing Emergency Order already in place for the State of Georgia, seconded by Commissioner Harold Hensley. Commissioner Maurice Hendrix asked to be excused from the vote. The Planning Commission voted Three (3) Yes, and (0) No to table this and bring up at the next meeting.

VI. BOARD COMMENTS

None.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Harold Hensley, seconded by Commissioner Maurice Hendrix, to adjourn the meeting at 6:24p.m. Unanimous approval 4 (Yes) to 0 (No).