

# PICKENS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

January 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  
Clayton Preble  
Bill Cagle

County Staff in attendance:

Rodney Buckingham – Planning & Development Director  
Miranda Siniard  
Stacey Godfrey

Others in attendance:

Larry Cavender – Progress  
KnowPickens.com  
Clay Brogdon  
Kevin Robinson  
Dan Pool  
John Pool  
Bobby Dean  
Susan Dean  
Joe Hermann  
Diron Norton  
Jeremy Anderson  
Ken Logan  
Bryan Griffin  
Larry Cavender  
Corey Evans

## **II. PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Cagle led Prayer.

## **III. MINUTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Pat Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Jim Fowler, to adopt the minutes of the November 4, 2019, meeting as written. Members voted unanimously 5 (yes) to 0 (no) to approve the minutes as amended.

#### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

None

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#### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. Cellular Tower Application-Southern Linc 8269 Highway 53 East, Jasper**

A public hearing was held on the cellular tower application submitted for 8269 Highway 53 East, Jasper, Georgia with no formal record of opposition. Rodney Buckingham presented the staff recommendation to the Planning Commission. Clay Brogdon, spokesman for Southern Linc, gave a 10-minute presentation of the application and responded to questions. Dan Pool part owner of 8269 Highway 53 East, spoke to the Planning Commission briefly with a background of the property that has been in his family for years. Helen Heinle spoke in opposition of the Tower. Dirone Norton of 5169 Cove Road spoke stating he was not opposing the tower, just did not like the red lights that would be on the tower. The County had no further rebuttal. The concerns from Ms. Heinle were addressed from Mr. Brogdon of Southern Linc. After discussion, Pat Holmes made a motion to deny the Cellular Tower application. There was no second to the motion. Motion died. Commissioner Jim Fowler made a motion to approve the Cellular Tower application and Variance as requested. Seconded by Commissioner Maurice Hendrix approving the request for the Cellular Tower application, and Variance at 8269 Highway 53 East, Jasper, Georgia. The Planning Commission voted four (4) (Maurice Hendrix, Harold Hensley, Jim Fowler, and Clayton Preble and one (1) (Pat Holmes) voting against the request. Commissioner Bill Cagle voted unanimous.

##### **B. RZ-11-19-190006 Joe Hermann Bryant Loop Drive, Jasper**

A public hearing was held to review a rezone application submitted by Joe Hermann to change parcel 037-056 a 3.08-acre tract from Rural Residential (RR) to Agricultural (AG). Rodney Buckingham presented the staff report, the intent is to combine the 3.08-acre tract with his existing acreage that is currently zoned Agricultural (AG).

After reviewing the application, receiving the staff report recommending the approval, listening to testimony from applicant with no public input, The Public Hearing was closed. Commissioner Clayton Preble made a motion to approve, seconded by Pat Holmes, to recommend approval of the rezone request to Agricultural (AG). The Planning Commission voted Five (5) Yes, and (0) No to approve the rezone request of 3.08 acres from Rural Residential (RR) to Agricultural (AG). Unanimous Approval.

**C. RZ-11-19-190008 Jeramy Anderson, Carver Mill Road, Talking Rock**

A public hearing was held to review a rezone application submitted by Jeramy Anderson to change parcel 034-015-003 a 5.11-acre tract from Rural Residential (RR) to Small Agricultural (SA). Rodney Buckingham presented the staff report, the intent is to use the land for pasturing and roadside stand for sale of goods and produce.

After reviewing the application, receiving the staff report recommending the approval, listening to testimony from applicant and concerns from Mr. & Mrs. Dean who are adjacent neighbors. Mr. Anderson addressed their concerns. The Public Hearing was closed. Commissioner Clayton Preble made a motion to approve, seconded by Jim Fowler, to recommend approval of the rezone request to Small Agricultural (SA). The Planning Commission voted Five (5) Yes, and (0) No to approve the rezone request of 5.11-acres from Rural Residential (RR) to Small Agricultural (SA). Unanimous Approval.

**VI. BOARD COMMENTS**

None.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Commissioner Clayton Preble, seconded by Commissioner Maurice Hendrix, to adjourn the meeting at 6:56p.m. Unanimous approval 5 (yes) to 0 (no).