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Bath County Planning Commission

Bath County Courthouse – Room 115

April 22, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Grist, Ronnie Dunnagan, Jeff Wilson, Trudy Woodzell, John Cowden

MEMBERS ABSENT:

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: Annette Lanniece, Richard Byrd

STAFF PRESENT: Sherry Ryder

Chairman Dunnagan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT—MATTERS UNRELATED TO THE AGENDA.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- (a) **Domestic Chicken Ordinance- Receive input from the public and consider proposed Domestic Chicken Ordinance to be presented for inclusion in the Bath County Land Use Regulations. This regulation would place guidelines and restrictions on keeping and housing domestic chickens on residentially zoned and occupied property in the R-1 Residential Limited, R-2 Residential Single Family, and R-3 Medium Density Residential Mixed.**

Mrs. Ryder: Gave an overview of the ordinance and said that Mr. Collins said that he believes that the ordinance should say that the landowner wanting the rooster would need to come into planning to obtain permission after obtaining it from all adjoining landowners.

Chairman Dunnagan opened the public hearing.

Richard Byrd: It's unreasonable to expect everyone to agree to something referencing the roosters. They should be allowed to have rooster.

Chairman Dunnagan closed the public hearing.

Mr. Grist: I agree with Mr. Byrd on the fact of getting them all to agree. I would even say majority of adjacent landowners. I wouldn't have a problem at all with a rooster. I agree with not making it everyone.

Mr. Cowden: I would like to say I am all for having chickens in a residential area. A rooster isn't necessary for eggs. Why not say no roosters because that way you aren't opening the door to controversy among neighbors?

The board as a whole continued to discuss various aspects of the roosters.

Trudy Woodzell made a motion to accept the draft with roosters deleted and send on to the Board of Supervisors. . Jeff Wilson seconded the motion.

VOTE: 5-0

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: None.

STAFF REPORT: Sherry went over her report.

Mr. Grist: At the Broadband meeting was there any hope that we are going to improve it in our area?

Mrs. Ryder: We have to apply for a grant to get a plan together so that we can apply for funds improve it.

Mr. Grist: The railroad bridge, who is the issue with?

Mrs. Ryder: They were in the process of getting the plans, it's in a floodplain, and it's a 90ft rail for a rail car. The first set of plans weren't what I asked for. They did advertise that they are putting a new bridge in.

OLD BUSINESS: Comprehensive Plan- meeting with CSPDC on April 23, 2013.

Mrs. Ryder: The board did review the agreement and signed it. CSPDC couldn't meet with me prior to tonight. I am meeting with Bonnie Riedesel, Robbie Huff and Elizabeth McCarthy tomorrow. If you guys have any input please let me know and I will make sure that is put on the schedule.

Mr. Dunnagan: I'm concerned about the \$8000.00 that we agreed to. What all is included?

Mrs. Ryder: The agreement says that they will help with breakout meetings, the different sections, maps, writing it, they will provide 30 copies and a CD so that we can print our own. If we need them more than we thought than we can cross that bridge when we get there. There will some things that they can't do.

Mr. Grist: They will help keep us on track, and help us with what we need.

Mrs. Ryder: They are more up to date on new regulations that have to be in the comp plan now.

NEW BUSINESS: May Meeting

The board discussed whether to move the meeting since it will fall on Memorial Day and decided that the meeting will still be held on Memorial Day.

Mr. Grist: I have noticed that with the trash dumpsters that there is a lot of trash that has to come over to this side of the mountain and I think we need to be careful about illegal dump sites setting up.

Mrs. Ryder: When a contractor comes in to pull a permit they know they can rent a big dumpster.

Mr. McWilliams: Our waste contract comes up in October. We are working on a report with Allied and we are getting options.

Mr. Grist: We are starting to hear more and more about dogs. Is there any pressure in the county?

Mrs. Ryder: As far as beefing up our ordinance? More than 3 dogs you have to have a kennel license. Once that is issued, you have animal control that comes out to check you for compliance. You have to have 5 acres and you have to be 200ft from the property line.

MINUTES: Mike Grist made a motion to approve minutes of March 25, 2013. John Cowden seconded the motion.

VOTE: Approved 4-0-1 (Trudy Woodzell abstained as she was not present)

Mike Grist made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Wilson seconded the motion.

Chairman Dunnagan adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Ronnie Dunnagan, Chairman

Date