



**BATH COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
AGENDA**

**BATH COUNTY COURTHOUSE
Room 115– 6:00 P.M.
Monday, October 25, 2021**

1. Call to Order
2. Acknowledge Public in Attendance
3. Public Comment – Matters Unrelated to the Agenda
4. Additions and Corrections to Agenda
5. Public Hearing(s):
None.
6. Chairman’s Report
7. Staff Report
8. Old Business:
Discussion of Short Term Rental Housing with County Attorney
9. New Business:
10. Approve Minutes of September 27, 2021 meeting
11. Adjourn

Planning and Zoning

9/8/2021 – 10/4/2021

Tax Maps

- Progress is continually being made on updating tax maps.

Zoning/Planning Issues

- Discussion regarding interior paved roads within an existing subdivision and if the County had any responsibility for the pavement
- Reviewed plans for the Jackson River Trail Phase 5 for construction within the floodplain
- Correspondence with County Attorney regarding sign ordinance
- Worked on review of short term rental regs used by other localities
- Court case to be heard October 20 for violation of trash ordinance
- Researched property for conservation easement for Health Department
- Responded to inquiry with questions regarding a yurt to be constructed within the County
- Site visit regarding complaint of neighboring property and suggested accumulation of debris/trash
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Miscellaneous

- Attended joint meeting with EDA and Planning Commission
- Attended Planning Commission meeting
- Correspondence with CSPDC regarding updated parcel layers for GIS map
- Work on updating the comprehensive plan will continue

Permits and Fees

YTD permits issued 2021	138
Permits issued this month	17
Monthly:	
Construction	15
Subdivision	2
Fees collected	\$40.00

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Bath County Courthouse – Room 115
Monday, September 27, 2021 - 6:00 P.M.**

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice-Chair Jason Miller, Monroe Farmer, Cynthia Rudnick, John Cowden, Chairman John Loeffler

MEMBERS ABSENT:

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: Austin Hall (Recorder press)

STAFF PRESENT: Sherry Ryder

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice-Chair Jason Miller called the Bath County Planning Commission meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: Artie Barnes, Donald Reed

Vice-Chair Jason Miller welcomed those in attendant. Mr. Miller asked if anyone had anything to say.

Mr. Barnes, Mountain Grove: There is an Air BnB next door. It has never been inspected or approved for an Air BnB. It has an illegal septic. It is being looked at for being updated, however they have continued to rent and it is being dumped on the ground. Traffic is bad, renters are trespassing on everyone's property. They go to the creek to swim, that is on his property and leave beer bottles, trash and go fishing. He has to keep an eye out and tell them to leave.

Sherry Ryder: Have you ever called the sheriff's office on the trespassers? I didn't ask you before.

Mr. Barnes: No, I haven't. I like to give people a chance. I have been in the place and it has very small windows, high windows and no exits. There needs to be a restriction on the number of people that can come. There was a reunion of around ten (10) people and five (5) vehicles one time. For the past week now, there has been a cattle trailer with dogs, bear hunters, and the dog noise is bad and I know bear season comes in Wednesday. They will probably be there until next Wednesday. Another landowner helps to take care of the dirt road, but it's getting bad.

Vice-Chair Jason Miller asked if the road was State maintained.

Mr. Barnes: No, it's private.

Chairman Loeffler asked Mr. Barnes if he had gone online to see the Air BnB listing.

Mr. Barnes: No, but I looked at their book when a friend of mine was cleaning the house. I went over there to pick her up. It mentions where you can go fishing, but not where you can't go. Really, there is no where to go there, but the yard. There is a neighbor on all sides.

Vice-Chair Jason Miller: A lot of the things you mentioned, have been discussed already. Inspections, number of people that can come, number of vehicles and hours for coming or going. We will continue to discuss this. Hopefully we can come up with a set of guidelines that are universal and everybody can be happy.

Mr. Barnes: The owner has signs that are either on State property or on my land. I think there should be regulations for them to follow. I like him as a neighbor, but not as a business owner.

Vice-Chair Jason Miller asked Shery Ryder what Mr. Barnes could do about the signs on his property.

Shery Ryder: He can call the Zoning Administrator, me, and I will look into it. You can't put signs on VDOT property and if the owner can't put them on his own property, he has to have the property owner's permission. He can call me if they are not removed.

Donald Reed, Mountain Grove: The driveway is over four (4) miles. I maintain the road and for the last five (5) year the cost comes out of my pocket. People come and go at 25-35 miles per hour. To get to the rental, they go through my yard. Traffic is to 11:00 at night, 5-7 days a week and has been all summer. Two (2) years ago someone did doughnuts in my yard and you can still see the damage. Traffic was rare before this and I liked it that way. If they would just drive five (5) miles per hour I wouldn't mind. Traffic now is 24 hours a day and the road is getting bad.

Vice-Chair Jason Miller asked Mr. Barnes if the driveway was a shared driveway.

Mr. Barnes: The road off of Rt. 600 is Cassidy Lane and it has a deeded right away.

Vice-Chair Jason Miller asked if there was any more comments or questions. He thanked the gentlemen for their input on the issue.

Mr. Cowden asked where the owner lived and was there anyone to help address any complaints that may come up.

Mr. Barnes stated that he believed he lived between Sandhurst and Lynchburg and there was no one, they knew of, to address complaints.

The Board thanked the gentlemen.

PUBLIC COMMENT—MATTERS UNRELATED TO THE AGENDA: None

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: None

STAFF REPORT

Shery Ryder: Gave an overview.

OLD BUSINESS: Discussion of Short-Term Rental - Housing

The Board discussed the need to regulate Short-Term Rentals sooner than later. Requiring home owners to follow required bedroom to septic limits and not requiring the Short-Term Rental to also follow the same limits is not fair and needs to be addressed. Fees to help off set the cost of enforcing regulation, and inspections, needs to be looked at as well.

The Board came up with a list that covers most concerns. Like requiring an Administrative Permit, similar to the Sign permit. Limit the number of people per bedroom/house. Adjustments will be done to better define requirements. Sherry Ryder will ask Mr. Lockaby to look over what they have come up with and fine point the necessary wording. The Board asked that Mr. Lockaby bring regulations samples from other small Counties, like Bath County, to the meeting in October that are enforceable to go by.

NEW BUSINESS: None

MINUTES:

Chairman Loeffler: We have the minutes for the August 23, 2021 meeting.

Vice-Chair Jason Miller: I move we approve the minutes of August 23, 2021.

Mr. Farmer: I second.

VOTE: 5-0

ADJOURN

Cynthia Rudnick: I move we adjourn.

Mr. Cowden: Second.

VOTE: 5-0

Chairman John Loeffler

Date