

# LANCASTER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

## Minutes

**April 17, 2014**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Lancaster County Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board meeting room of the Lancaster County Administration Building, Lancaster, Virginia.

Present were David Jones, Chairman, Robert Smart, Vice Chairman, Tara Booth, David Chupp, Ty Brent and Steve Sorensen.

Also present were William R. Lee, Board of Supervisors Representative, Don Gill, Planning/Land Use Director, Anne and Charlie Costello, John Mann, Jeffrey Haywood and others.

Mr. Jones asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the March 20, 2014 meeting.

Mr. Jones moved to approve the March 20, 2014 minutes as submitted. **VOTE: 6-0.**

### PUBLIC HEARING #1

#### **UPDATE TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET – FY 2015-2019**

Mr. Jones asked Mr. Gill to present the issue.

Mr. Gill stated that the Planning Commission had reviewed all of the submitted requests during the past two months. He stated that those requests had been presented, discussed and prioritized and that this public hearing is the last step before the Capital Improvement Budget gets sent to the Board of Supervisors. He stated that advertising had been conducted as required by law and that other than the discussion at the prior two Planning Commission meetings, there had been no further input from the public.

Mr. Jones opened the public hearing.

Mr. Costello stated that he had been misquoted in the Rappahannock Record. He stated that citizens would have to “pony up” for public access, but he did not mean for public access at the Simmons Cove location. He stated that he wanted that information on the record.

Mr. Jones closed the public hearing.

Mr. Smart referred to the alternative school and stated that the issue was in a state of flux. He stated that the consensus of the School Board is that they would like to bring the alternative school back to Lancaster County. He stated that there has been discussion about leasing the former ROTC classroom behind the high school. He stated that there was also discussion about the community library becoming available in a year, but the timeline for that building is unclear at the present time and would not be included in this year's budget. He stated that the Boys and Girls Club has offered a leasing option at their building for the alternative school as well.

Mr. Jones referred to the repair of the old jail and clerk's office and asked Mr. Lee if he would let the Board of Supervisors know that it is a concern of the Planning Commission. He stated that his concern is one day it will be too late to repair or will become much more expensive to repair.

Mr. Smart stated that the old jail and clerk's office building has intrinsic interest and many people are drawn to it. He stated that it could be a great tourist attraction.

Mr. Jones stated that the building is a part of the County's history and he hated to see it in disrepair.

Mr. Lee stated that he had heard concerns about the track at the high school. He stated that parents and students have to travel a lot and there is nowhere to have local track meets. He stated that he knows there is a track refurbishment projected in FY 2018 of the proposed Capital Improvement Budget, but that issue comes up every year during track season. He stated that he did not know what might be able to be done between now and then.

Mr. Jones stated that he has heard the same concerns during football and baseball season as well.

Mr. Chupp referred to the administrative building repairs and stated that, in his opinion, the sprinkler system should be repaired, not disabled.

Mr. Gill stated that to make the sprinkler system operational is estimated to cost \$11,200 and to disable it is estimated to cost \$5900. He stated that, according to the building official, it has to be one or the other. He stated that one of the proposals was to disable it from the main supply tank and install a quick connect for the fire department. He stated that the Board of Supervisors would have the ultimate decision as to what would be the better option.

Mr. Costello stated that he thought the building had historical value and that the sprinkler system should be repaired.

Mr. Jones made a motion to forward the Capital Improvement Budget for FY 2015-2019, as presented, to the Board of Supervisors recommending approval. **VOTE: 6-0.**

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Gill stated that he may bring Article 10 of the Zoning Ordinance, the Historic Resources Overlay District, to the Commission in May to review. He stated that Mr. Lee was the Board representative to the Historic Resources Commission as well, and it may be more prudent for that group to review the Overlay first.

Mr. Gill stated that elections for the Planning Commission were to be held in May.

Mr. Gill suggested that there not be a June Planning Commission meeting because the budget process that the Board of Supervisors goes through includes a public hearing that is held on the third Thursday in June, which is the regular meeting date for the Planning Commission. He stated that it has been done that way in the past.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The April 17, 2014 regular meeting of the Lancaster County Planning Commission was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.