

The Russell County Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2009
4:30 P.M.

An adjourned meeting of the Russell Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman R.C. Adams. Members present were David Ellis, Bill Friend, Carla Thomas, Dr. Shelton, Rick Perry, Mervin Dudley and LeAnn Horne kept the minutes. Advisors present were Russell County Health Department Director, Johnnie Burell.

Chairman Adams called for a motion to approve October 6, 2009 meeting minutes. Bill Friend motioned to approve the minutes. Dr. Shelton seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Chairman Adams stated Larry Kite and Ben Elliott from County Engineering would not be attending today's meeting due to both of them being out of town, however, they have reviewed the preliminary plat for Owens Plantation.

Nathan McBride of McBride-McGill Engineering presented the preliminary plat for Owens Plantation. The County Engineer stated they would support a requested variance, which is to match what exists along Owens Road. The road is not a high volume road and Ben doesn't feel that it was necessary for the lots to be developed fronting an interior road. Everything meets the subdivision requirements. Carla Thomas motioned to approve the plat. David Ellis seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Chairman Adams presented the Parkman Family Cemetery request. The Planning Commission had previously approved the Parkman request; sending it to the Commission for their review. Approval for the Parkman Family Cemetery was granted by the Commission on September 23, 2009. The last step of approving the cemetery is signing off of the plat, which was signed by Chairman Adams. Nathan McBride was given a letter from Judge Harden along with a copy of the September 23, 2009 Commission Meeting Minutes.

LeAnn Horne updated the Planning Commission Board on a request to the Commission for a \$150,000 Comprehensive County-wide Plan which would include county sewage. The Commission reduced the requested budgeted amount of \$150,000 to \$80,000. I have been talking with Doni Ingram, ADECA Director, who is assisting me in scheduling a meeting with Mr. Shabbir. He oversees the allocation of grant funds to counties. I am requesting ADECA to provide additional grant funds to Russell County to help make up the difference the Commission cut from the 2009/2010 budget for the Comprehensive County-wide Plan. I will keep you informed.

The next meeting will be November 3, 2009.

Meeting adjourned.