

The Russell County Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 7, 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 Dr. Thomas Shelton, Bill Friend, Jimmie Batcheldor, Carla Thomas, Dillie Elliott, David Ellis, Mervin Dudley, and Beth Monk, Commission Administrative Assistant, kept the minutes. Advisors present were Chief Appraiser J.W. Brannen; Health Department Director, Johnnie Burrell; Building Inspector, Greg Smith; County Engineer, Larry Kite; and Ben Elliott, Engineering Assistant.

Chairman Adams requested a motion to approve the March 17, 2009 meeting minutes. Bill Friend motioned to approve the minutes and was seconded by Dr. Shelton. The motion carried by unanimous vote. David Ellis and Dillie Elliott abstained due to not being present at this meeting.

Bill Barrett of Barrett and Simpson presented the final plat for The Villages at Westgate, Phase II.

Ben Elliott of the Engineering Department recommended approval of the Final Plat.

David Ellis motioned to approve. Dillie Elliott seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Chairman Adams discussed the practice of phoning Planning Commission members for votes on certain requests under special circumstances. This will be discussed further in the upcoming meeting with the advice of Attorney Gray since he is not present today.

Nathan McBride presented a request for variance for Ihagee Creek Plantation. On lots 36A and 36B a driveway was placed on the property line and the owner requested to have the line moved to accommodate without removing the driveway. The area of the lot will remain the same. This will involve moving the boundary line the total of 11 feet.

Larry Kite, County Engineer, requested approval prior to signing.

Jimmie Batcheldor motioned to approve the request. Bill Friend seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Chairman Adams stated the board appointments up for renewal will be announced at the next meeting. After all board appointments to the Planning Commission have been made we will appoint a chair and vice-chair.

County Attorney, Kenneth Funderburk sent a letter to the bonding company in regards to Rivers Reach Subdivision. A copy of the letter was distributed to the commission members. The letter will be included in the minutes of today's meeting.

Beth Monk, Commission Administrative Assistant, stated the Subdivision Regulations have been recorded in the Probate Office. Mr. Adams stated any amendments to the regulations will be recorded as well, after approval by the Commission.

Mr. Adams recommended the Engineering Department check on developments within the city planning jurisdiction as much as possible to ensure that the county codes are followed. Issues such as roll tests and compaction test should be strictly enforced because the county will ultimately be in responsible for maintenance of these roads.

The next meeting will be April 21, 2009.

Meeting adjourned.