

The Russell County Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 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 Bill Friend, Jimmie Batcheldor, Carla Thomas, Dillie Elliott, David Ellis, Mervin Dudley, Rick Perry, Walter Gray and LeAnn Home, who kept the minutes. Advisors present were Chief Appraiser J.W. Brannen, Health Department Director, Johnnie Burrell, County Engineer, Larry Kite and Ben Elliott.

Chairman Adams called for a motion to approve May 5, 2009 meeting minutes. Dillie Elliott motioned to approve the minutes for May 5, 2009. Bill Friend seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Patriots Point Phase 1B was presented by Huston Engineering with 78 lots in continuation of the first phase. All the engineering has been completed on 165 lots; then the lots were split into 3 phases. There are still 50 lots to complete Phase 1 and engineering has begun on Phase 2.

Larry Kite stated this phase meets all requirements and recommended approval.

Chairman Adams called for a motion to approve. David Ellis motioned to approve the plat and was seconded by Commissioner Dudley. The vote was unanimous.

County Administrator LeAnn Home gave an update to the Regional Growth Management Plan as it has been completed and released to the Commission. However, this is not a complete comprehensive plan and the need to move in that direction is still present. The 2009-2010 budget planning process for the county has begun and now is the time to request the Commission to consider a county-wide comprehensive plan to be included in this budget. The present comprehensive plan is outdated. David Ellis motioned to request the Commission to include funding for a county-wide comprehensive plan and to authorize an RFP in the 2009-2010 county budget. The motion was seconded by Dillie Elliott. The vote was unanimous.

J.W. Brannen presented a new waste water law, which was passed during this legislative session. This law turns the regulations of private waste water treatment plants over to three different agencies: ADEM, the County Health Department and the Public Service Commission.

The next meeting will be July 21st,
2009. The meeting was adjourned.