

The Russell County Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 5, 2011
4:30 P.M.

An adjourned meeting of the Russell Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman R.C. Adams. Members present were Carla Thomas, Gary Head, Dr. Shelton, Bill Friend, Jimmie Batchelder and Peggy Martin. LeAnn Horne kept the minutes. Advisors present were Attorney Walter Gray, Brandon Bundy, Ben Elliott, Greg Smith; Russell County Building Inspector.

Chairman Adams called for a motion to approve meeting minutes for June 21, 2011. Bill Friend motioned to approve. Peggy Martin seconded the motion. The motion carried. Walter Gray abstained.

Eddie Eubanks of Barrett-Simpson presented Cross Roads Estate Preliminary Plat for approval.

Gary Head stated that he still has concerns about the lack of sewer development in the area.

Mr. Eubanks stated they had a soil scientist look at this tract and he identified areas that will perk. This layout is based on his recommendation.

Ben Elliott stated the layout is okay and meets regulations.

Walter Gray stated we cannot legitimately deny approval based on the conditions of the soil.

Mr. Eubanks stated as a note this is a preliminary plat. We will have to meet all Health Department requirements before moving forward.

Chairman Adams called for a motion to approve.

Bill Friend motioned to approve the preliminary plat. Carla Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried with seven yes votes. Gary Head voted no.

Chairman Adams asked Walter Gray what we can do to stop a situation where we know the soil is too wet for development.

Walter Gray stated we can recommend changes to the requirements however that still have to be approved by the Commission. We need input from the Engineering and Health Departments as to why these requirements need to be in place. Until regulations are in place addressing this issue we basically have no choice but to approve them.

After a short discussion the time and date for the Open House/Public Hearing was set for August 2nd immediately following the regular Planning Commission meeting at 4:30 p.m. The Open House will be held at 5:30-6:00 p.m. followed by The Public Hearing 6:00-6:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

Meeting Adjourned.