

The Russell County Planning Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
September 21, 2010  
4:30 P.M. EST.

An adjourned meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman R.C. Adams. Members present were Commissioner Peggy Martin, Bill Friend, Dr. Thomas Shelton, J.C. Batchelder, David Ellis, Attorney Walter Grey III and Carla Thomas, who kept the minutes. Advisors present were: Building Inspector; Greg Smith, Health Department Representative; Johnny Burrell, and Russell County Subdivision Coordinator; Ben Elliott and Revenue Commissioner; Naomi Elliott.

A quorum was established.

Chairman Adams requested a motion to approve the September 7, 2010 meeting minutes. Carla Thomas motioned to approve the minutes and was seconded by David Ellis. The vote was unanimous.

Nathan McBride submitted a minor subdivision plat for Oswichee Road St. John's AME Church for 2 variances request. There are nine acres located at this church site. Members of the church want to make a large addition to the existing building and also a new parking area. At this time there are two drives located on the property, one on the north side of the property, which is the entrance and the south side drive is the exit. They are also asking for a building setback because of the cemetery located on the property. The bank that is financing the project will not let the church mortgage the lot the cemetery is located on. The addition has been designed as close to the existing building without building onto the existing cemetery lot.

Mr. McBride requested approval of a 60 foot access utility easement instead of a flag strip, stating as I understand easements have been taken out of the subdivision regulations. Improvements are being made to Lot 2 easements for an access road and parking. Chairman Adams asked Ben Elliott's recommendation on the variances. Ben Elliott stated the engineering department did not have a recommendation. David Ellis motioned to approve both variances and was seconded by Walter Gray. Mr. Adams polled the commission. The vote was 6 yes and 1 abstention by Bill Friend; the variances were approved.

Ben Elliott gave an update on River's Reach subdivision project.

Chairman Adams discussed the proposed schedule for the Comprehensive Study meetings.

Nathan McBride discussed his opinion about the omission of easements from the subdivision regulations. In his opinion, easements should have remained in the subdivision regulations.

The next meeting is scheduled for Oct 5, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned.