

The Russell County Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 5, 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 Batchelder, Carla Thomas, Dillie Elliott, David Ellis, Mervin Dudley, Rick Perry and Beth Monk who kept the minutes. Advisors present were Chief Appraiser J.W. Brannen, Health Department Director, Johnnie Burrell, County Engineer, Larry Kite and Ben Elliott.

Probate Judge, Alford Harden swore in new appointments. Gary Head appointed by Commissioner Gentry Lee and Fernard Crawford appointed by Commissioner Cattie Epps.

Chairman Adams requested a motion to approve the April 7, 2009 meeting minutes. David Ellis motioned to approve the minutes and was seconded by Dillie Elliott. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Bill Barrett of Barrett-Simpson presented the final plat for Isbell Place subdivision for approval. Mr. Barrett stated that one additional fire hydrant will be installed. This phase contains 21 lots. Larry Kite & Ben Elliott stated that all requirements have been met and approval is recommended. David Ellis motioned to approve the final plat. Rick Perry seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Nathan McBride presented variance request for Sweetwater Branch Subdivision. Mr. McBride stated a variance is needed because the ditch runs along Lots 1 thru 7 do not meet the minimum 1% grade for natural drainage. We have been able to achieve a $\frac{3}{4}$ percent grade with the additional soil work that was needed for drainage.

Larry Kite stated it was not ideal, but they did what they could with this issue. In addition to the sod work for the drainage area and a maintenance bond required for any unforeseen issues; I do not see a problem in approving the request for variance.

Carla Thomas motioned to approve the request. David Ellis seconded the motion. Chairman Adams polled the commission members. The motion carried with majority yes votes. Mervin Dudley abstained and Dr. Shelton voted no.

Chairman Adams requested an update on Rivers Reach Subdivision. Larry Kite stated he has not heard anything further on the status since the attorney issued a letter to the bonding company.

Chairman Adams stated it is time to elect a chair and co-chair for the Planning Commission.

Carla Thomas nominated R.C. Adams to continue as Chair. The nomination was seconded by J.C. Batchelder. With no further nominations the members were polled. The vote was unanimous to re-elect R.C. Adams as Chairman of the Planning Commission.

Carla Thomas nominated Dillie Elliott to continue as Vice-Chair. Bill Friend seconded the nomination. With no further nominations the members were polled. The vote was unanimous to re-elect Dillie Elliott as Vice-Chair of the Planning Commission.

J.W. Brannen recommended a committee be appointed to research by-laws for the Planning Commission. David Ellis, Bill Friend, Gary Head and Dillie Elliott were selected to research by-laws.

Mr. Adams stated the next meeting will be May 19, 2009.

The meeting adjourned.