The Russell County Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 2, 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, Peggy Martin, Gary Head, Dillie Elliott, Dr. Shelton, Bill Friend, Ferdinand Crawford, Jimmie Batcheldor, Attorney Walter Gray and David Ellis. LeAnn Horne kept the minutes. Advisors present were Ben Elliott, Brandon Bundy, Greg Smith; Russell County Building Inspector and Larry Kite; Russell County Engineer.

Chairman Adams called for a motion to approve meeting minutes for September 20, 2011. Dillie Elliott motioned to approve. David Ellis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Adams called for a motion to approve meeting minutes for October 4, 2011. Dillie Elliott stated her name was left off those attending the meeting. David Ellis stated Jimmie Batcheldor abstained on the minor subdivision presented by Kaye Land. David Ellis motioned to approve the minutes with corrections. Dillie Elliott seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chris Rodgers of Barrett-Simpson presented The Estates at Westgate Phase II Final Plat for approval.

Ben Elliott stated the paving has not been done yet but a bond is in place with the asphalt company for that. All requirements have been met and approval is recommended.

Chairman Adams called for a motion to approve. David Ellis motioned to approve. Bill Friend seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Jack Shay; Surveyor, presented a Minor Subdivision for approval for Joseph and Barbara Cotton. Mr. Shay stated the owner opted not to install a fire hydrant due to the cost being in excess of $2,500 to do so.

LeAnn Horne asked Walter Gray if the county would in any way be held responsible in case of a fire for approving the subdivision. Mr. Gray stated when the owner applies for a building permit, the inspector would then be able to require there to be a fire hydrant within a certain number of feet of the house. There is no construction going on at the present time.

Ben Elliott recommended approval.
Chairman Adams called for a motion to approve. David Ellis motioned to approve. Carla Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried by majority vote.

Damon Ingram of Foresight Survey Company presented the Tree Tops Subdivision Preliminary Plat for approval. Mr. Ingram stated the property is located on County Road 39 just north of the intersection with County Road 18.

Ben Elliott recommended approval.

Chairman Adams called for a motion to approve. Dr. Shelton motioned to approve. Bill Friend seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Nathan McBride of McBride-McGill presented a Minor Subdivision for approval for Mike and Ken Corcoran.

Ben Elliott recommended approval.

Chairman Adams called for a motion to approve. Dillie Elliott motioned to approve. Ferdinard Crawford seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Adams stated there has been a request for an extension on the preliminary plat for The Landings, Patriots Point and The Estates. Mr. Adams asked Ben Elliott to provide information on these requests.

Ben Elliott stated the Landings and the Estates were originally approved in 2008. They have continually worked on both these developments. Patriots Point was initially approved in 2007. Each has requested an extension of 18 months. These are all under the 2005 Sub Division Regulations. There are several changes in the current regulations from what was required in 2005.

David Ellis motioned that we approve this request but send them a letter stating it will be the last extension under the old regulations and any extensions beyond this will fall under the current regulations. If the subdivision changes ownership the new owner will have to come before the Planning Commission for approval. Carla Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Larry Watts submitted the Comprehensive Study Draft for review. A meeting date for approval was set for December 6, 2011.

Meeting adjourned.