

**OCTOBER 12TH, 2023 PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**

**VIRGINIA:** at the **REGULAR MEETING** of the **Tazewell County Planning Commission** held **October 12th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Tazewell County Administration Building, Tazewell, Virginia -- 197 Main Street**

**PRESENT:** **Ann Robinson-Chairperson**  
**Robert “Bob” Moss-Vice Chairman**  
**Hayden Lyons-Member**  
**Jason Herndon-Member**  
**Anthony Ramella-Member**

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** **Kenneth Dunford, Jr., --Director of County Engineering**  
**Chase Collins—County Attorney**  
**Kimberly Hilbert-Executive Secretary**  
**Elliott Brewster-Thompson & Litton**

**ABSENT:** **Darrel Addison-Member**  
**Maggie Asbury-Member**

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Chairperson Robinson called the October 12th, 2023 regular meeting to order and presided at approximately 6:33 p.m.

She then welcomed all visitors and all those in attendance.

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**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Chairperson Robinson gave the invocation, followed by, the Pledge of Allegiance to the US flag by Member Herndon.

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**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FORMAT**

Upon motion of Member Herndon, seconded by Vice-Chair Moss, and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with Member: Asbury and Addison absent from the meeting; the Tazewell County Planning Commission does hereby **APPROVE** the minutes as written

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### APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> 2023 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Upon motion by Member Herndon and seconded by Member Ramella, and voted on by a vote of 5 to 0, with Member: Asbury and Addison absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Planning Commission does hereby **APPROVE** the September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes as written.

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### ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

#### E & S TAZEWELL HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM

Elliott Brewster, Thompson and Litton, presented the E & S plan. It will consist of removal of the existing field and all associated appurtenances, the grass field, storm drain system under the field, asphalt track, and visitor side bleachers. Approximately 87,078 square feet of artificial turf field with associated 6 lane track, underground electric utilities, approximately 1,800 linear feet of storm sewer ranging in size from 8 inch to 24-inch pipe 8PVC drain basins, 6 VDOT standard MH-2 concrete structures, underground storm tech detention system, and associated appurtenances to accommodate the new construction. It will disturb approximately 4.47 acres and anticipated 6 month construction time line.

Kenneth Dunford Jr., Director of Engineering has reviewed the plan and recommends approval upon receipt of the DEQ Storm Water Management Permit. He also recommends waiving the permit and bond fees since the project is for the county school system.

Upon motion of Vice-Chair Moss, seconded by Member Lyons, and voted on vote of 5 to 0, with Members: Asbury and Addison absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Planning Commission does hereby **APPROVE** the Tazewell High School Stadium E & S Plan contingent upon receipt of the DEQ Storm Water Management Permit and does hereby **WAIVE** the permit and bond fees.

#### REVENUE SHARING POLL RATIFICATION

Kenneth Dunford Jr., Director of Engineering, had polled the committee previously to get approval to apply for a revenue sharing grant with VDOT for money to improve the deceleration lane at Cuz's and add some guard rails. The VDOT application process requires that the county show the project in the Comprehensive Plan.

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The Commission did not meet before the deadline so a poll was needed to obtain approval to include in the Comprehensive Plan. Members: Moss, Ramella, Asbury, Lyons and Herndon had previously been polled and voted yes to include the Cuz's Deceleration Lane and guard rails in the Comprehensive Plan.

Upon Motion Member Herndon, seconded by Member Lyons, and voted on by a vote of 5 to 0, the Tazewell County Planning Commission does hereby **RATIFY** the Cuz's Deceleration Lane and Guard Rails to be included in the Tazewell County Comprehensive Plan.

### DISCUSSION-MOVING NOVEMBER MEETING DATE

With the upcoming holidays and offices being closed the Board of Supervisors had to move their meeting to Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 date. Thus, the Planning Commission will have to move their meeting date and a new date decided upon.

Discussion was made and the commission decided on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Upon motion by Member Moss, seconded by Member Ramella and voted on by a vote of 5 to 0, with Members: Asbury and Addison absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Planning Commission does hereby approve moving the next scheduled meeting date to Tuesday November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

### SOLAR DISCUSSION

Chase Collins, County Attorney, informed the commission that Mr. Eric Young, County Administrator, Energix Counsel and Administration, and himself have been in correspondence about the proposed Solar Ordinance and it has been accepted with minimal revisions.

Chairperson Robinson mentioned that a concerned citizen had brought up fire suppression and who is the responsible part in case of fire.

Mr. Collins said that was a good point and he would check with Barry Brooks, Fire Chief and see what his recommendations would be. Their insurance and bond should cover fire damages if there were an occurrence. It would need to be written into the Ordinance and have a time line with supporting documentation and information on the chemicals in the panels. The next meeting will cover the Site Agreement Ordinance.

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**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

Nothing at this time.

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**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Mr. Collins stated that there is a tentative date for November 2023, for a Baseline Solar Ordinance Plan and a joint public meeting in December, 2023. May have to amend the Comprehensive Plan to include the Solar Ordinance if not approved by the end of the year.

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**MEMBER CONCERNS**

**Member Ramella—None at this time.**

**Member Lyons—None at this time.**

**Member Moss—Soil & Water Conservation received a \$6,500.00 grant for the tire removal but Lusk Disposal charged \$15,893.00 for the tires. Had a couple of trailers that brought tires that was not expected. Was going to ask the Board of Supervisors if they could help cover the short fall.**

**Member Herndon—None.**

**Chairperson Robinson--None.**

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**ADJOURNED MEETING**

Upon motion of Member Lyons, seconded by Member Herndon and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with Members: Asbury and Addison absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Planning Commission Regular Meeting is hereby adjourned at approximately 7:33 p.m. and the next Regular Meeting Date is changed to reflect Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

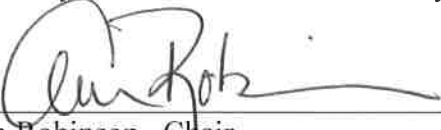
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Respectfully submitted:

*Kimberly Hilbert*

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Kimberly Hilbert- Executive Secretary



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Ann Robinson -Chair  
Tazewell County Planning Commission