

**VIRGINIA:** at the **REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING** of the Tazewell County  
Planning Commission held January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Tazewell  
County Administration Building, Tazewell, Virginia -- 197 Main Street

**PRESENT:** Ann Robinson-Chairperson  
Robert “Bob” Moss-Assistant Chair  
Jason Herndon-Member  
Anthony Ramella—Member  
Hayden Lyons—Member  
Kyle Cruvey--Member

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** Kenneth Dunford, Jr., -- Director of County Engineering  
Kimberly Hilbert-Executive Secretary (via Phone)  
Chase Collins-- County Attorney  
Malcolm Crews--Visitor

**ABSENT:** Lance Wimmer--Member

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Chairperson Robinson called the January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 reorganizational meeting to order and presided at approximately 6:34 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 Vice-Chairman Moss.

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**ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURING:**

Chairperson Robinson turned the floor to Chase Collins, County Attorney who opened the floor for nominations for the Chairperson Position of the Tazewell Planning Commission. There as, current Chairperson Ann Robinson being the sole nomination for the position he then called for a motion to close the floor. Upon motion being made by Vice-Chairman Moss, seconded by Member Herndon, and voted on by a vote of 5 to 0, with Member Wimmer absent

from the meeting and Member Robinson abstaining from the vote, the Floor Closed and the Tazewell County Planning Commission hereby appoints Ms. Ann Robinson as Chairperson for the calendar year of 2024 or until her successor is duly elected.

Mr. Collins then yielded the floor back to Chairperson Robinson.

**ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Chairperson Robinson called for nominations from the floor for the position of Vice Chairman. Member Herndon nominated current Vice-Chairman, Mr. Robert “Bob” Moss. There as, current Vice-Chairman Robert “Bob” Moss being the sole nomination for the position she then called for a motion to close the floor. Upon motion by Member Herndon and seconded by Chairperson Robinson the floor was then closed by a vote of 5 to 0, with Vice-Chairman Moss abstaining from the vote and Member Wimmer absent from the meeting, and being as there were no other nominations for the position of Vice Chairman the Tazewell County Planning Commission does hereby appoint Member Moss as the Vice-Chairman for the year of 2024 or until his successor is duly elected.

**APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

Chairperson Robinson opened the floor for nominations for Executive Secretary to the Planning Commission. Chairperson Robinson made the nomination of Ms. Kimberly Hilbert. Being as there were no other nominations, motion was made by Member Moss, seconded by Member Herndon, and voted on by a vote of 6 to 0, with Member Wimmer absent from the meeting, the floor was closed, and the Tazewell County Planning Commission does by acclamation appoint Ms. Kimberly Hilbert as the Executive Secretary for the year of 2024 or until her successor is duly elected.

**SET REGULAR MEETING DATE & TIME**

Chairperson Robinson stated that the current format is the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 P.M. and asked if anyone would like to make a change.

Upon motion by Member Herndon, seconded by Vice-Chairman Moss, and voted on by a vote of 6 to 0, with Member Wimmer absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Planning Commission hereby sets the regular meeting date and time for the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 P.M. for the calendar year of 2024.

**Proposed meeting dates of for 2024:**

February 8<sup>th</sup>, March 14<sup>th</sup>, April 11<sup>th</sup>, May 9<sup>th</sup>, June 13<sup>th</sup>, July 11<sup>th</sup>, August 8<sup>th</sup>, September 12<sup>th</sup>, October 10<sup>th</sup>, November 14<sup>th</sup>, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M.

**CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA & STAFF REPORT FORMAT TO MEMBERS**

The Executive Secretary and Engineering Department request the format in which the Planning Commission members receive their agenda, minutes and supporting documents.

Upon motion by Member Herndon, seconded by Member Lyons, and adopted by a vote of 6 to 0, with Member Wimmer absent from the meeting, The Tazewell County Planning Commission hereby approves the agenda, minutes and supporting documents be sent to the Planning Commission Members in the format they desire for the 2024 calendar year:

Chairperson Robinson	Email
Vice-Chairman Moss	Email
Member Herndon	Email
Member Ramella	Email
Member Wimmer	Email
Member Lyons	Email
Member Cruey	Email

**APPOINTMENT OF SUBCOMMITTEES**

**Comprehensive Plan Subcommittee**

Upon Motion by Vice-Chairman Moss, seconded by Member Ramella and voted on by a vote of 6 to 0, with Member Wimmer absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Planning Commission does hereby elect to keep the current Members: Chairperson Robinson, Vice Chairman Moss, and Alternate Member Herndon on the Comprehensive Plan Subcommittee for the 2024 year.

**Subdivision Subcommittee**

Upon Motion by Vice-Chairman Moss, seconded by Member Herndon and voted on by a vote of 6 to 0, with Member Wimmer absent from the meeting, The Tazewell County Planning Commission does hereby appoint Member Lyons, Member Ramella, and Alternate, Vice-Chairman Moss to the Subdivision Committee for the 2024 year.

**Capital Improvement Subcommittee**

Upon Motion by Member Herndon, seconded by Vice-Chairman Moss, and voted on by a vote of 6 to 0, with Member Wimmer absent from the meeting, The Tazewell County Planning Commission does hereby appoint Vice-Chairman Moss, Member Herndon and Alternate, Member Cruvey, to the Capital Improvement Subcommittee for the 2024 year.

**Orphan Road Subcommittee**

Upon Motion by Member Herndon, seconded by Member Ramella, and voted on by a vote of 6 to 0, with Member Wimmer absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Planning Commission does hereby appoint Vice-Chairman Moss, Member Herndon and Alternate, Member Cruvey to the Orphan Road Subcommittee for the 2024 year.

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**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FORMAT**

Upon motion of Member Lyons, seconded by Vice-Chairman Moss, and adopted by a vote of 6 to 0, with Member Wimmer absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Planning Commission hereby **APPROVE** the agenda as presented.

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**APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Moss, seconded by Member Lyons, and voted on by a vote of 6 to 0, with Member Wimmer absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Planning Commission does hereby **APPROVE** the December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes as written.

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Malcolm Crews, 29709 Governor G. C. Peery Highway, North Tazewell, VA., presented the subdivision. C & D Products had leased the building to Arcet Equipment and now the lessee wants to purchase said building and land. One point eight two eight acres (1.28) with the building is being divide from the remaining thirty acres (30) owned by C & D Products.

Kenneth Dunford, Jr., Director of Engineering recommends approval pending the Permit & Subdivision fees be paid in the amount of \$109.00.

Chase Collins, County Attorney recommends approval pending the appropriate fees be paid.

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Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Moss, seconded by Member Herndon and voted on by a vote of 6 to 0, with Member Wimmer absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Planning Commission does hereby **APPROVE** the C & D Products Subdivision pending submission of the appropriate fees.

**PAID: 1/17/2024 CHECK#5149**

### **JUNKYARD APPLICATIONS:**

#### **JOHN ROGIC JUNKYARD APPLICATION**

Kenneth Dunford, Jr., Director of Engineering stated that this is the yearly renewal application for an existing junkyard. The application fee and permit fee have been paid of \$550.00. Kenneth Dunford, Jr., has no issues and recommends approval of the application.

Upon motion by Member Herndon, seconded by Member Lyons, and voted on by vote of 6 to 0, with Members Wimmer absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Planning Commission does hereby approve the Auto Salvage and Junkyard Permit for John Rogic for the 2024 year.

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### **DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING REPORT**

#### **NEW STATE MODEL E & S ORDINANCE**

The Engineering Department received the new state model for E & S Ordinance. The county could be fined if not sent in by the first of February.

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### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

Nothing at this time.

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### **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Kenneth Dunford, Jr., Director of Engineering informed the board that the Comprehensive Plan is ready to be sent to the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors.

## JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Chase Collins, County Attorney, stated that the plan is the guide for Tazewell County for the next six (6) years. How we see our county moving forward. The county relies heavily on the Comprehensive Plan for VDOT road issues.

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Moss, seconded by Member Herndon and voted on by a vote of 6 to 0, with Member Wimmer absent from the meeting, The Tazewell County Planning Commission does hereby recommend the Comprehensive Plan to the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors.

The Board of Supervisors recessed their January meeting until January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 in order for the two boards to hold a Public Hearing on the Solar Energy Facilities Ordinance and the Solar Facility Citing Agreement. The meeting will be held at Nuckolls Hall at 6:00 P.M.

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### CITIZEN COMMENTS

Robert Carlson—Introduced a Safety Report from Virginia Tech on solar panels.

Chase Collins—asked that the report be attached to the minutes.

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### MEMBER CONCERNS

**Member Ramella:** None

**Member Lyons:** None

**Vice-Chairman Moss:** None

**Member Cruey:** Glad to be on the board and excited to learn.

**Member Herndon:** None

**Chairperson Robinson:** Meeting at Nuckols Hall, Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

**Chase Collins:** “House Bill 636 --- [Senate Bill 567](#), from Sen. Creigh Deeds, D-Charlottesville, and [House Bill 636](#), from Del. Richard “Rip” Sullivan Jr., D-Fairfax County, would apply to solar energy facilities of at least 50 megawatts, wind energy facilities of at least 100 megawatts, and battery storage facilities of at least 50 megawatts. The idea, Deeds said in an interview, is to think of utility-scale renewable energy from a statewide perspective rather than as a strictly local issue.

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“This is the development of sufficient energy so that we have reliable, affordable, safe energy, and we’re reducing carbon at the same time,” Deeds said. “You know, it is in the interest of every single Virginian. It’s a Virginia issue. It’s a statewide issue.”

Applicants planning such large renewable energy projects would be able to turn to the State Corporation Commission instead of a local government for approval of a project’s location if:

- a locality fails to approve or deny the application in a timely manner; or
- the applicant complies with certain state requirements but the locality denies it anyway; or
- the locality notifies an applicant that its project is locally compatible, but then amends its zoning laws in a way that adds additional, more restrictive requirements.”

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**RECESSED MEETING**

Upon motion of Chairperson Robinson , seconded by Vice-Chairman Moss, and adopted by a vote of 6 to 0, with Member Wimmer absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Planning Commission Reorganizational Meeting is hereby recessed at approximately 7:41 p.m. until Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>,2024 at 6:00 p.m. at Nuckols Hall.

Respectfully submitted:

*Kimberly Hilbert*

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Kimberly Hilbert- Executive Secretary

  
Ann Robinson – Chair Tazewell County Planning Commission

