

**OCTOBER 10TH, 2024 PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**

**VIRGINIA:** at the **REGULAR MEETING** of the **Tazewell County Planning Commission** held **October 10th, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town of Tazewell Chambers, Tazewell, Virginia – 211 Central Avenue**

**PRESENT:** **Ann Robinson - Chairperson**  
**Robert “Bob” Moss - Vice-Chairman**  
**Hayden Lyons – Member**  
**Kyle Cruvey - Member**

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** **Kenneth Dunford, Jr., - Director of County Engineering**  
**Brad Gibson - Executive Secretary (Interim)**  
**Chase Collins - County Attorney**  
**Sally Perkins - 287 Martin St, Pounding Mill, VA**  
**Williams Andrews – 288 Martin St, Pounding Mill, VA**  
**Robert & Lena Whitt – 175 Carroll St, Pounding Mill, VA**

**ABSENT:** **Jason Herndon - Member**  
**Anthony Ramella - Member**  
**Lance Wimmer - Member**

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Chairperson Robinson called the October 10, 2024 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 Cruvey.

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**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FORMAT**

Kenneth Dunford, Jr, Director of Engineering, suggests that Item 10 of the agenda should read:

**7:30 p.m. 10. Adjourn – Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 6:30 pm at Tazewell Council Chambers – 211 Central Avenue, Tazewell, VA 24651.**

Upon motion of Member Lyons, seconded by Vice-Chairman Moss, and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Members: Herndon, Ramella, and Wimmer absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Planning Commission does hereby **APPROVE** the agenda with the changes suggested by Mr. Dunford.

**Secretary Note: The changes have been made to the agenda, and are reflected on the Tazewell County website.**

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**APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>/25<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 REGULAR/RECESS MEETING MINUTES**

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Moss, seconded by Member Cruey, and voted on by a vote of 4 to 0, with Members: Herndon, Ramella, and Wimmer absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Planning Commission does hereby **APPROVE** the September 12<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> Regular/Recess Meeting Minutes as written.

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**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**Lawson RV Park – Cedar Bluff**

The Lawson’s are proposing a small RV park. The disturbance will include the construction of concrete pads for the RVs, and grading of roadways. This park is not for permanent RV parking, so people will need to bring their own RVs.

Kenneth Dunford, Director of Engineering, has reviewed the information, and has corresponded with Mr. Ribble about the project. He suggests that the Planning Commission accept the proposal under the following conditions:

- 1) Pay the \$60 permit fee
- 2) \$3,207.94 bond
- 3) Provide proof of any applicable permits.

Upon motion by Member Cruey, seconded by Vice-chairman Moss, and voted on by a vote of 4 to 0, with Members: Herndon, Ramella, and Wimmer absent from the meeting, the

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Tazewell County Planning Commission does hereby **APPROVE** the Lawson RV Park E&S plan under the conditions suggested by Mr. Dunford.

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### SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

**None at this time.**

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### CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Sally Perkins, William Andrews, and Robert & Lena Whitt spoke on behalf of Martin St in Pounding Mill. The residents submitted a petition to add their section of Martin St to the Orphan Roads system, but the petition is currently incomplete due to a property ownership dispute. Therefore, the petition has remained dormant since the Summer of 2024.

The residents stated that they have had issues leaving their residences and have even been denied contracted transportation due to the current condition of the roadway. This has made it very difficult for them to attend medical appointments. Residents along Martin St have attempted to patch the road themselves, but the issue has grown to the point that nothing is helping, and the cost of trying to fix it is increasing.

The residents said that the conditions worsened when the PSA did work on that section of the street several years ago. They stated that the road was never properly fixed by the PSA, and that conditions deteriorated further after that point. Chase Collins, County Attorney, advised that he is also the attorney for the PSA, and that the PSA should have restored the road to the condition it was before work had begun. Mr. Collins also stated that if they have any further legal questions regarding Martin St, they can contact him directly. The Planning Commission suggested that the residents should attend the next PSA Board meeting and provide them this information, and to also contact their district Supervisor.

Mr. Dunford said that employees within the Engineering Department have been in contact with Martin St residents, but he is unsure which residents have been contacted. Mr. Dunford also advised that if this section of Martin St is taken into the Orphan Road system, it does not guarantee that the road will be fixed right away, and that it might actually take several years before any work could be done.

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**MEMBER CONCERNS**

**None at this time.**

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Upon motion by Moss, seconded by Crucey, and voted on by a vote of 4 to 0, with Members: Herndon, Ramella, and Wimmer absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Planning Commission is hereby adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m. until the regular meeting time on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:30 p.m at Tazewell Council Chambers located at 211 Central Ave, Tazewell, VA 24651.

Respectfully Submitted:

**Brad Gibson**

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Brad Gibson—Executive Secretary (Intirum)



Ann Robinson—Chair

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