

## **NOVEMBER 14TH, 2024 PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**

**VIRGINIA:** at the **REGULAR MEETING** of the **Tazewell County Planning Commission**  
held **November 14th, 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**  
**Kyle Cruey – Member**  
**Hayden Lyons – Member**  
**Jason Herndon – Member (6:38 PM arrival)**  
**Anthony Ramella – Member (6:38 PM arrival)**  
**Lance Wimmer – Member (6:38 PM arrival)**

### **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:**

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Chairperson Robinson called the November 14, 2024 regular meeting to order and presided at approximately 6:30 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 Lyons.

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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 4 to 0, with Members: Herndon, Ramella, and Wimmer absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Planning Commission does hereby **APPROVE** the agenda.

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### APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 10TH, 2024 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Moss, seconded by Member Cruey, and voted on by a vote of 7 to 0, the Tazewell County Planning Commission does hereby **APPROVE** the October 10<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting Minutes as written.



### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

#### Subdivision Plat of Larry Irick

Attorney Alan McGraw spoke on behalf of the subdivision. The Larry Irick property has been brought before the Commission because it was part of a previous subdivision. The property does not have water or sewer, and it does not have access to a state or county-maintained road.

Kenneth Dunford, Jr, Director of Engineering, recommended that the Commission approve the subdivision with the following contingencies:

- A variance for sewer/water connection.
- A variance for connection to a state or county-maintained road.

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Moss, seconded by Member Herndon, and voted on by a vote of 7 to 0, The Tazewell County Planning Commission does hereby **APPROVE** the Subdivision Plat of Larry Irick, with Mr. Dunford's recommended contingencies listed above.

#### Matthew Ratliff Deed of Conveyances

The Tazewell County Board of Supervisors plans to construct a billboard along the Back of the Dragon (B F Buchanan Hwy) near Macky Ln. The billboard will feature two logo boards; "Virginia is for Lovers" and "Back of the Dragon." The location needs to be wholly owned by the county, so that is why the division is necessary.

Mr. Dunford recommended that the Commission approve the deed of conveyances with the following contingencies:

- Wave the fee since the land is being purchased by the county.
- Wave the needed state road and sewer connection variance since the locations only use will be for the billboard.

Upon motion by Member Herndon, seconded by Member Wimmer and voted on by a vote of 6 to 0, with Member Cruey abstaining from the vote, the Tazewell County Planning Commission does hereby **APPROVE** the Matthew Ratliff Deed of Conveyances, with Mr. Dunford's recommended contingencies listed above.

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### ENGINEERING REPORT:

Mr. Dunford and county attorney Chase Collins discovered that the portion of Martin St that was discussed at the last meeting has public right-of-way. The roads committee plans to meet and inspect the road before the December regular meeting.

Sally Perkins, William Andrews, and Robert & Lena Whitt spoke on behalf of the residents of Martin St. Mr. Andrews stated that the road was previously maintained, but that maintenance stopped around 2002. The Engineering and Attorney's offices have not found any records that indicate any maintenance has been performed by the county.

Perkins, Andrews, and the Whitt's followed the Commission's suggestions of attending the PSA board meeting and contacting their district supervisor. The group provided a copy of the Wednesday, November 13, 2024 edition of *The Voice* which includes an article title "Martin Street residents ask for help getting road in county system." The article is attached to these minutes.

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### SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None at this time.

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### CITIZENS COMMENTS:

See ENGINEERING REPORT.

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### MEMBER CONCERNS

None at this time.

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Upon motion by Moss, seconded by Cruey, and voted on by a vote of 7 to 0, the Tazewell County Planning Commission is hereby adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m. until the regular meeting time on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:30 p.m at the Tazewell County Boardroom.

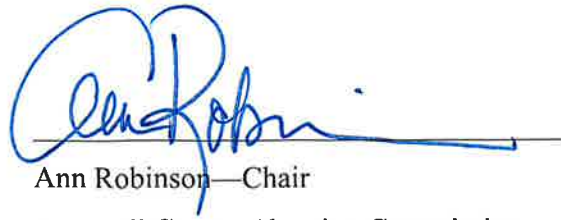
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Respectfully Submitted:

**Brad Gibson**

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Brad Gibson—Executive Secretary (Interim)



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Ann Robinson—Chair

Tazewell County Planning Commission

## Martin Street residents ask for help getting road in county system

By Warren Hinkle

Several Martin Street residents submitted a petition to the county's planning commission to add their section of the road into the Tazewell County Orphan Road system.

Sally Perkins, William Andrews, and Robert and Lena Whitt told the commission they have issues leaving their homes and have even been denied contracted transportation due to the current condition of the road. The group said the road con-

dition makes it difficult for them to attend medical appointments.

While the residents have attempted to patch the road themselves, the issue has gotten so large that nothing they do is helping.

Martin Street is in the Pounding Mill area.

The group told the commission the conditions worsened when the county PSA did work on that section of the street several years ago and was never properly fixed by the PSA.

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County attorney Chase Collins, who also serves as PSA attorney, told the group the PSA should have restored the road to the condition it was before they had begun their work.

The planning commission suggested the residents attend the next PSA board meeting and provide them with this information, and to also contact their district supervisor, Andy Hrovatic.

Ken Dunford, the county's director of engineering, told the commission that his department has been in contact with

some Martin Street residents, but he was unsure which were contacted.

Dunford told the residents that even if their street was taken into the Orphan Road system, there is no guarantee the road will be fixed right away and it could actually take several years before any work could be done.

In other business:

The commission approved the proposed Lawson RV Park in Cedar Bluff's E & S plan, providing the pay the \$60 permit fee, post a \$3,207.94 bond and provide proof of any applicable permits.