

April 9TH, 2026 PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

VIRGINIA: at the **REGULAR MEETING** of the Tazewell County Planning Commission held April 9th, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the Tazewell County Administration Building, Tazewell, Virginia - 197 Main Street

PRESENT: Robert “Bob” Moss - Chairman
Hayden Lyons – Vice-Chairman
Anthony Ramella – Member
Lance Wimmer – Member

OTHERS

PRESENT: Kenneth Dunford Jr. - Director of County Engineering
Aaron Gillespie – County Attorney
Brad Gibson - Executive Secretary
Jon Looney – Appalachian Surveying Inc.
Darrell Addison

ABSENT: Kyle Cruvey - Member
Eddy Brown - Member

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Moss called the April 9th, 2026 reorganizational meeting to order and presided at approximately 6:30 PM.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Member Ramella gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the US flag by Vice-Chairman Lyons.

3. WELCOME VISITORS

Chairman Moss welcomed those in attendance.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FORMAT – ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

The Commission was presented a revised agenda that had additions & deletions.

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Lyons, seconded by Member Ramella, and voted on by a vote of 4 to 0, with Members Cruvey & Brown absent from the meeting, The Tazewell County Planning Commission does hereby **APPROVE** the revised agenda as presented.

6. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 8TH, 2026 MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Moss asked the Commission to take a few minutes to review the January 8th, 2026 reorganizational meeting minutes.

Upon motion by Member Wimmer, seconded by Member Ramella, and voted on by a vote of 4 to 0, with Members Cruvey & Brown absent from the meeting, The Tazewell County Planning Commission does hereby **APPROVE** the January 8th, 2026 reorganizational meeting minutes as written.

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7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. APPOINT SUBCOMITTEES:

Chairman Moss asked if the appointment of subcommittees should be tabled until the next meeting. Kenneth Dunford Jr., Director of Engineering, suggested that the Commission table appointments for the Comprehensive Plan, Subdivision, & Capital Improvements subcommittees, but advised that it would be wise to move ahead with the appointment of the Orphan Road subcommittee due to upcoming paving.

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Lyons, seconded by Member Wimmer, and voted on by a vote of 4 to 0, with Members Cruey & Brown absent from the meeting, The Tazewell County Planning Commission does hereby **APPOINT** Chairman Moss, Member Ramella, and Alternate, Vice-Chairman Lyons, to the Orphan Roads Subcommittee for the 2026 year.

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Lyons, seconded by Member Wimmer, and voted on by a vote of 4 to 0, with Members Cruey & Brown absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Planning Commission does hereby table appointment of the Comprehensive Plan, Subdivision, & Capital Improvements Subcommittees until the next regular meeting.

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

A. Dandee's Inc. Auto Salvage & Junkyard Permit Application

Dandee's Inc. filed their Auto Salvage & Junkyard Permit Application on January 20th, and paid the necessary fees.

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Lyons, seconded by Member Ramella, and voted on by a vote of 4 to 0, with Members Cruey & Brown absent from the meeting, The Tazewell County Planning Commission does hereby **APPROVE** the Dandee's Inc. Auto Salvage & Junkyard Permit Application.

D. 132 A 0032 Division – Thompson Valley

Jon Looney of Appalachian Surveying Inc. spoke on behalf of the division. The property shown in the plat currently for sale and is being divided because the potential buyer does not want the house on the property, only the pasture-land. The house has spring water & septic, but the pasture does not have water or sewer access. Therefore, Mr. Dunford advised that a variance would be needed to approve the division.

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Lyons, seconded by Member Ramella, and voted on by a vote of 4 to 0, with Members Cruey & Brown absent from the meeting, The Tazewell County Planning Commission does hereby **APPROVE** the 132 A 0032 Division with a variance for water & sewer access.

E. Adam Long Plat – Claypool Hill

Darrell Addison spoke on behalf of the Adam Long property. Mr. Addison said that they would like to do away with the lot and have the property as one parcel. There are no plans to develop the property.

Upon motion by Member Wimmer, seconded by Member Ramella, and voted on by

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a vote of 4 to 0, with Members Cruvey & Brown absent from the meeting, The Tazewell County Planning Commission does hereby **APPROVE** the Adam Long property.

9. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None at this time.

10. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None at this time

11. MEMBER CONCERNS

Vice-Chairman Lyons asked about potential data centers in Tazewell County. Aaron Gillespie, County Attorney, said that there are currently no plans for large-scale data centers in Tazewell County.

Vice-Chairman Lyons also asked about Project Jonah & the potential slaughter house, but there were no updates.

12. ADJOURN

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Lyons, seconded by Member Ramella, and voted on by a vote of 4 to 0, with Members Cruvey & Brown absent from the meeting, The Tazewell County Planning Commission regular meeting is hereby adjourned at approximately 7:13 PM until Thursday, May 14th, 2026 at 6:30 PM at the Tazewell County Boardroom.

Respectfully submitted:

Brad Gibson

Brad Gibson - Executive Secretary

Robert "Bob" Moss - Chairman
Tazewell County Planning Commission