

July 14TH, 2026 PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

VIRGINIA: at the **REGULAR MEETING** of the Tazewell County Planning Commission held July 14th, 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 (Arrived at 6:33 PM)
Anthony Ramella – Member
Lance Wimmer – Member
Eddy Brown - Member
Harry Cundiff – Member

OTHERS

PRESENT: Kenneth Dunford Jr. - Director of County Engineering
Brad Gibson - Executive Secretary
Roba Kidd – 3317 Wrights Valley Rd, Bluefield, VA 24605
Jim Ribble – Alpha Land Surveyors

ABSENT: Kyle Crucey - Member

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Moss called the July 14th, 2026 regular 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 Member Cundiff.

3. WELCOME VISITORS

Chairman Moss welcomed those in attendance.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FORMAT – ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

The Commission was presented an agenda that had no additions or deletions.

Upon motion by Member Ramella, seconded by Member Wimmer, and voted on by a vote of 5 to 0, with Vice-Chairman Lyons & Member Crucey absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Planning Commission does hereby **APPROVE** the agenda as presented.

5. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 11TH, 2026 MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Moss asked the Commission to take a few minutes to review the June 11th, 2026 meeting minutes.

Upon motion by Member Wimmer, seconded by Member Ramella, and voted on by a vote of 6 to 0, with Member Crucey absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Planning Commission does hereby **APPROVE** the June 11th, 2026 meeting minutes as written.

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

A. Wrights Valley Rd Division

Roba Kidd, owner of Parcels 11B & 14 of Tax Map 23, spoke on behalf of the subdivision. Mr. Kidd grew up on the farm, and bought the property back years later after his mother had sold it. His residence, a trailer, and an Airbnb are on the property. This subdivision would allow Mr. Kidd to submit a new deed for the Airbnb portion to separate it from his residence and the trailer.

Kenneth Dunford Jr, Director of Engineering, asked if there was any water or sewer access at the property. Mr. Kidd stated that there is public water & sewer access. Mr. Dunford recommended the board approve the subdivision. Aaron Gillespie, County Attorney, concurred.

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Lyons, seconded by Member Cundiff, and voted on by a vote of 6 to 0, with Member Cruet absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Planning Commission does hereby **APPROVE** the subdivision of Parcels 11B & 14 of Tax Map 23 in Wrights Valley.

B. Cedar Hill Properties ESC Plan

Jim Ribble, owner of Alpha Land Surveyors, spoke on behalf of the ESC plan. The project is near the Hardee's in Claypool Hill. The proposed disturbed area is almost 4 acres, so a Stormwater permit has been applied for and approved by DEQ. There are still some issues that Mr. Ribble has been working addressing with Mr. Dunford.

Mr. Dunford had no comments and the project, and asked that the Planning Commission grant him the authority to approve the project once all issues have been addressed. Mr. Gillespie concurred.

Upon motion by Member Wimmer, seconded by Member Ramella, and voted on by a vote of 6 to 0, with Member Cruet absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Planning Commission does hereby grant Mr. Dunford the authority to approve the Cedar Hill Properties ESC Plan once all issues have been addressed by Mr. Ribble

7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None at this time.

8. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None at this time

9. MEMBER CONCERNS

Vice-Chairman Lyons asked about the progress of Project Jonah. Mr. Gillespie stated that there has not been any official confirmation of what activities are current happening at the site.

Vice-Chairman Lyons asked about the upcoming public hearing regarding ATVs in Burkes Garden. Mr. Gillespie said that he was asked to draft an ordinance to more thoroughly regulate ATV activity in Tazewell County. Virginia law already states that no ATVs are allowed on public roadways, except for certain locations. Designated roadways in the Pocahontas/Boissevain area adjacent to the Spearhead Trail system. Mr. Gillespie said that passing this ordinance would protect the entire Southern District (not including the Town of Tazewell) in case Virginia decided to end ATV prohibition.



13. ADJOURN

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Lyons, seconded by Member Wimmer, and voted on by a vote of 6 to 0, with Member Cruey absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Planning Commission regular meeting is hereby **ADJOURNED** at approximately 7:02 PM until Thursday, August 13th, 2026 at 6:30 PM in the Tazewell County Boardroom.

Respectfully submitted:

Brad Gibson

Brad Gibson - Executive Secretary

Robert "Bob" Moss – Chairman
Tazewell County Planning Commission