

**BLAND COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Minutes for August 4th, 2008**

**Members Present:**

R.B Anderson, Meagan Bradshaw, Henry Blessing, Elmer Chewning, John Dodson, Stephen Kelley, Jerry Mercer, and Robert Trobaugh,

**Members Absent:**

Jim Baker, Guy Boone, and Deborah Looney

**Others Present:**

Joel K. Cagle, Planning Commission Secretary; Jonathan Sweet Bland County Administrator

**CALL TO ORDER**

At 6:30 PM, Planning Commission Chairman Jerry Mercer called the meeting of the Bland County Planning Commission to order at the Bland County School Board Office; Bastian, Virginia. The Invocation was given and allegiance was pledged to the flag of our country.

**ROLL CALL**

Planning Commission Secretary Joel Cagle took the roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Mercer invited a motion to approve the minutes of the July 7th, 2008 meeting. Commissioner Kelley made the motion to approve the minutes of the July 7th, 2008 meeting; Commissioner Anderson provided the second, and the motion passed unanimously.

**ITEMS TABLED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

None

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Request for Public Hearing

Five separate applications from Verizon; requesting Conditional Use Permits to install self-supporting telecommunication towers of various heights;  
Tax Map #'s:

56-A-2; @13803 E. Blue Grass Trl; Owned by Jeffrey and Laura Reed

80-A-40; @6219 Walker Creek Road; Owned by James Munsey

106-A-37; @ 4508 South Scenic Highway; Owned by Lonnie and Joyce

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120-A-9; @ 1945 Birch Grove Road; Owned by Steven King and Marion Peck

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104-A-37; @1831 Shewey Valley Road; Owned by Richard Lambert

Nate Holland and Stephen Waller, Verizon Wireless representatives, spoke on the proposed sites for cell tower of various heights.

Questions were asked about the amount of coverage of the five sights and the completed system of towers. It is proposed that when finished the entire county, more or less, would be covered.

Question was asked on the time frame for activation of towers. It was stated that it was undecided at this time. It could be each tower as completed or all at once.

It was decided that there would be a public hearing prior to the five individual hearings, to accept general public comments.

A motion was made to hold the five individual public hearings for the above referenced locations at the next stated meeting of the Planning Commission by Vice Chairman

Chewing. A second provided by Commissioner Anderson, with a unanimous vote in favor of the motion.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Dodson made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Trobaugh provided the second, Chairman Mercer obliged and the meeting was adjourned at 7:10PM.

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Joel K. Cagle- Secretary  
Planning Commission  
County of Bland