

**BLAND COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Minutes for September 8th, 2008**

**Members Present:**

R.B Anderson, Jim Baker, Meagan Bradshaw, Guy Boone, Elmer Chewning, John Dodson, Stephen Kelley, and Jerry Mercer

**Members Absent:**

Henry Blessing, Deborah Looney, and Robert Trobaugh

**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 August 4th, 2008 meeting. Commissioner Kelley made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 4th, 2008 meeting; Vice-Chairman Chewning provided the second, and the motion passed unanimously.

**ITEMS TABLED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

None

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

None; an explanation was given by Secretary Cagle. The second running of the Public Hearing Notice was not printed by the newspaper as requested by the Planning Commission, and therefore the adjoining landowner certified letters were not mailed. The newspaper has agreed to hold a spot in the Wednesday September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 so that the process can start again, be printed a second time on Wednesday September 17<sup>th</sup>, and a special meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Thursday September 18<sup>th</sup> to allow public comment prior to the Planning Commission's recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Request for Public Hearing

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

69-A-23; @9423 E. Blue Grass Trl; Owned by Samuel Bernard, Jr.

38-A-49;@10828 Kimberling Road; Owned by Willard D. and Alonia S.

Miller

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

A motion was made to hold the two individual public hearings for the above referenced locations at the next stated meeting of the Planning Commission by Commissioner Kelly. A second provided by Commissioner Anderson, with a unanimous vote in favor of the motion.

Public Comments

Harlen Cox spoke about being able to co-locate on AEP's metal towers. Verizon agreed to speak with an AEP representative.

Ron Cox spoke on behalf of the Big Walker Lookout Tower and offered it as a possible co-location site to Verizon. Verizon stated they would review the offer.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Planning Commission at this time, the meeting was continued until Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> 2008, at 6:30 PM.

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Joel K. Cagle- Secretary  
Planning Commission  
County of Bland