

**BLAND COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes for November 3rd, 2008**

Members Present:

R.B. Anderson, Jim Baker, Meagan Bradshaw, Henry Blessing, John Dodson, Stephen Kelley, and Robert Trobaugh

Members Absent:

Guy Boone, Elmer Chewning, Jerry Mercer, and Deborah Looney

Others Present:

Joel K. Cagle, Planning Commission Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:30 PM, due to the absence of Chairman Mercer and Vice-Chairman Chewning, Planning Commission Secretary Joel Cagle 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

Secretary Cagle invited a motion to approve the minutes of the October 6th, 2008 meeting. Commissioner Kelly made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 6th, 2008 meeting; Commissioner Trobaugh provided the second, and the motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS TABLED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

None

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PUBLIC HEARING

- A public hearing was opened for the purpose of receiving public comments on the request from Tectonic, requesting public input pertaining to the historic properties that may be affected by the installation of self supporting telecommunication towers on Tax Map # 131-A-49; accessed off of State Rt. 622; Owned by Lowell Hancock, and Tax Map # 126-A-11; @154 Smith Hollow Rd; Owned by A. Joyce Lindamood.

Stephen Waller, representing Verizon Wireless, spoke on this site and explained in more detail the information requested for the public hearing. Mr. Billy Vanover and Ms. Yvonne Jones both registered speakers, spoke in favor of the towers. There being no one else registered, Secretary Cagle closed the public hearing. At the request of the Commission a letter will be sent to Tectonic with the statement that no public comment on the effect of historic properties was received.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Public Hearings

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

131-A-49; accessed off of State Rt. 622 ;Owned by Lowell Hancock

126-A-11;@154 Smith Hollow Rd; Owned by A. Joyce Lindamood

91-A-37;accessed off of Water Plant Ln; Owned by Bland Comm. Water Authority

Stephen Waller, Verizon Wireless representative, spoke on the proposed sites for cell tower of various heights. A tentative date of the 19th of Nov. was given for the balloon test, with Nov. 20th to serve as a rain date.

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

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OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Planning Commission at this time, Commissioner Baker made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Bradshaw provided the second, Secretary Cagle obliged and the meeting was adjourned.

Joel K. Cagle- Secretary
Planning Commission
County of Bland