

# **BLAND COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**

## **Meeting Minutes for March 2, 2026**

### **Members Present:**

Jim Baker, Elmer Chewning, John Dodson, Stephen Kelley, Jerry Mercer, James McCleary, James Pruett, Ron Stevenot

### **Members Absent:**

Meagan Bradshaw

### **Others Present:**

Joel K. Cagle, Planning Commission Secretary

### **CALL TO ORDER**

At 6:00 PM, Joel Cagle called the meeting of the Bland County Planning Commission to order at the Bland County Courthouse; Bland, Virginia. The Invocation was given and allegiance was pledged to the flag of our country by everyone present.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Joel Cagle called for nominations for the office of Chairman. A motion was made by Commissioner Dodson to have Jerry Mercer as Chairman, a second was provided by Commissioner Baker. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Mercer called for a nomination for Vice Chairman. Commissioner Chewning made a motion to nominate Jim Baker for Vice Chairman, a second was provided by Commissioner Stevenot. The motion passed unanimously. Chairman Mercer called for a nomination for Secretary. Commissioner Baker made a motion to nominate Joel Cagle for Secretary and Cameron Burton as backup. Commissioner McCleary provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Mercer invited a motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 4, 2025. Commissioner Kelley made the motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 4, 2025; Commissioner Baker provided the second, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

-None

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**NEW BUSINESS**

-None

**OLD BUSINESS**

-A portion of the draft Comprehensive Plan was discussed, with amendments being presented.

**ITEMS TABLED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

-None

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Planning Commission at this time, Commissioner Baker made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Dodson provided the second, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Joel K. Cagle- Secretary  
Planning Commission  
County of Bland