



Mathews County Planning Commission

Monday, September 12, 2022 at 7:00 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

AT A JOINT PUBLIC HEARING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND PLANNING COMMISSION OF MATHEWS COUNTY, VIRGINIA, HELD IN THE MATHEWS COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2022 AT 7:00 PM.

Board of Supervisors

Members Present: Paul Hudgins, Chair
Jackie Ingram, Vice Chair
Dave Jones
Mike Walls

Members Absent: Melissa Mason

Planning Commission

Members Present: Billy Cook, Chair
Brian Russell
Dan Hill
Paul Logan
Donald Morgan
Harry Meeks

Members Absent: Doug Wilton, Vice Chair

Also Present: Thomas Jenkins, Director of Planning, Zoning & Wetlands
Heather Thomas, Wetlands/Marine Coordinator and Zoning Technician

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. INVOCATION

4. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND PLANNING COMMISSION **Mrs. Thomas called roll and a quorum was present.**

5. REVIEW OF PUBLIC HEARING PROCEDURE

Mr. Hudgins reviewed the public hearing procedures.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

6.A. **Application 3-ZA-22:** Text amendment to the zoning ordinance, §175-20.8,20.9 and 20.10, initiated by a motion of the Board of Supervisors, to modify the regulations on enforcement procedures and permits and licenses.

Mr. Knighton reviewed the staff report for the proposed text amendment. The board members and commission discussed and asked Mr. Knighton questions.

Mr. Hudgins asked if any speakers for 3-ZA-22 would like to speak

Sonny Fauver,

Mr. Fauver stated that the language needed to be corrected and that he was in favor of the text amendment.

Mr. Hudgins asked if any speakers against 3-ZA-22 would like to speak

There were none

Mr. Hudgins asked if any speakers neither for or against 3-ZA-22 would like to speak

There were none.

The Public hearing was closed.

6.B. **Application 2-CUP-22:** Request from Mathews County for a Conditional Use Permit per Section 175-9.2 (Q) of the Mathews County Zoning Ordinance to construct a telecommunication tower on parcel 16 (A) 46A. This parcel is in the Business-2 (B2) district.

Mr. Knighton read the staff report and answered the questions asked by the board members and commissioners.

Mr. Hudgins asked if any speakers for 2-CUP-22 would like to speak.

Judy Rowe, Broadband Board

Ms. Rowe stated that they would put a light on the top of the tower and spoke with Lifeevac about this.

Mr. Hudgins asked if any speakers against 2-CUP-22 would like to speak.

There were none.

Mr. Hudgins asked if any speakers neither for or against 2-CUP-22 would like to speak.

There were none.

The public hearing was closed.

- 6.C. **Application 3-CUP-22:** Request from Mathews County for a Conditional Use Permit per Section 175-5.3 (23) of the Mathews County Zoning Ordinance to construct a telecommunication tower on parcel 29 (A) 103. This parcel is in the Rural (RU) district.

Mr. Hudgins asked Mr. Knighton if the conditions for 3-CUP-22 were the same. Mr. Knighton stated they were and reviewed the staff report minus the conditions already stated during the 2-CUP-22 public hearing.

The board members and commissioners discussed the proposed conditional use permit.

Mr. Hudgins asked if any speakers for 3-ZA-22 would like to speak

Judy Rowe, Broadband Board

Ms. Rowe stated that she has come to every board meeting since January of 2019 per the mandate by the board. She added that to suddenly have an issue with permits now and require a conditional use permit is disheartening. She discussed the issues with the community not having broadband. Mr. Jones asked at what point she was told she needed a CUP. She stated a CUP had not been brought up in the past. Mr. Jones asked who she specifically discussed the permitting and tidal issues. Ms. Rowe stated county officials and engineers. Mr. Beacoup came to the podium. Mr. Jones asked how far out the start date for construction was. Mr. Beacoup stated as soon as the permitting was done and contractors were available. The board members asked Ms. Rowe about the policy team that was in place for the Broadband Advisory Board.

The board members and commissioners asked Mr. Knighton questions.

The Public Hearing was closed.

7. ADJOURNMENT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADJOURNED THE JOINT PUBLIC HEARING.

A FIVE MINUTE RECESS WAS GIVEN BEFORE THE NORMAL PLANNING COMMISSION BEGAN.

8. PLANNING COMMISSION CALLED TO ORDER

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

9.A. August 16, 2022 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: On Motion of approval of the August minutes by Mr. Logan, seconded by Mr. Hill, the Mathews County Planning Commission voted 6-0-0 as follows: 6 - aye; None - 0.

Roll Call Vote:

Billy Cook, Chair - Aye
Brian Russell, Member - Aye
Dan Hill, Member - Aye
Donald Morgan, Member - Aye
Harry Meeks, Member - Aye
Paul Logan, Member - Aye

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Cook asked to lay over the committee reports in order to start with the CUPs.

MOTION: On Motion of amending the agenda to discuss the CUPs first by Mr. Logan, seconded by Mr. Morgan, the Mathews County Planning Commission voted 6-0-0 as follows: 6 - aye; 0 - nay; to the COMMENT.

Roll Call Vote:
Billy Cook, Chair - Aye
Brian Russell, Member - Aye
Dan Hill, Member - Aye
Donald Morgan, Member - Aye
Harry Meeks, Member - Aye
Paul Logan, Member - Aye

Mr. Knighton stated that he has put the public water access sites on an excel spreadsheet to be reviewed by the committee.

11. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

12. NOTICE OF VARIANCE AND APPEAL

13. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

14. NEW BUSINESS

14.A. **Application 3-ZA-22:** Text amendment to the zoning ordinance, §175-20.8,20.9 and 20.10, initiated by a motion of the Board of Supervisors, to modify the regulations on enforcement procedures and permits and licenses.

MOTION: On Motion of tabling 3-ZA-22 to change the language by Mr. Logan, seconded by Mr. Morgan, the Mathews County Planning Commission voted 6-0-0 as follows: 6 - aye; 0- nay; to the COMMENT.

Roll Call Vote:
Billy Cook, Chair - Aye
Brian Russell, Member - Aye
Dan Hill, Member - Aye
Donald Morgan, Member - Aye
Harry Meeks, Member - Aye

Paul Logan, Member - Aye

The commissioners discussed the text amendments.

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MOTION: On Motion of recommending approval of 2-CUP-22 with amendment by Mr. Logan, seconded by Mr. Morgan, the Mathews County Planning Commission voted 6-0-0 as follows: 6 - aye; 0- nay; to the amendment the tower shall have a light on top.

Roll Call Vote:

Billy Cook, Chair - Aye

Brian Russell, Member - Aye

Dan Hill, Member - Aye

Donald Morgan, Member - Aye

Harry Meeks, Member - Aye

Paul Logan, Member - Aye

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Roll Call Vote:

Billy Cook, Chair - Aye

Brian Russell, Member - Aye

Dan Hill, Member - Aye

Donald Morgan, Member - Aye

Harry Meeks, Member - Aye

Paul Logan, Member - Aye

15. PLANNING COMMISSION REQUESTS/DIRECTIVES

16. OTHER MATTERS

17. PLANNING COMMISSION ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, ON A MOTION BY MR. LOGAN AND SECONDED BY MR. HILL, THIS MEETING WAS DECLARED ADJOURNED.