

MINUTES OF THE RUTHERFORD COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING

Monday, April 16, 2012 – 9:00AM

Present: Ronnie Harrill, Chairman; Danny Wells, Secretary; John Bittle; Dwayne Harris; Aaron Hutchinson; Phillip Miller; Amy Jenkins Mike Parton

Call to Order and Welcome by Chairman Ronnie Harrill

Chairman Harrill began the meeting in prayer

Minutes of last meeting: Motion to approve by Danny Wells, second by Mike Parton; unanimously approved as mailed

New Business:

Discussion regarding May meeting dates. If necessary, this board will move the regular meeting from the 3rd Monday, to the 2nd Monday only for the month of May 2012.

Old Business:

GREYROCK Update from Odom Engineering:

The Planner relayed the results from the County Commissioners meeting in response to the Greyrock HOA's request for generating savings on the road design and then to transfer those savings to the HOA for Duke Energy expenses. The County's attorney shared Statutory language that prohibits the County from transferring funding of this type to HOA's for other uses than designated. Planner also relayed that Commissioner Chairman Owens emphasized the Board's thanks and appreciation to the Planning Commission members for their work on Greyrock and all matters that come before them.

There was some discussion regarding why the County would not pursue the idea of generating savings with reducing the 20' wide roads to the 18' wide, which is the same width as the State Road accessing Greyrock. The discussion ended with the conclusion that the HOA's request was a single request to reduce width and gain funds, and the Commissioners did not break down this request and that the perception could be a downgrade of quality road if the road width is reduced, but no funding is transferred to the HOA.

Odom mentioned that despite the results, he is glad that a decision is final, just because of the timing to complete design and have no hold-ups toward the construction timeline. That timeline currently reflects bid documents/opening and DENR permit applications all moving forward and construction beginning in early May 2012. The bid process will be informal, but will run ads and gather information to be overly cautious and keep the Commissioners informed and allow them final approval. Odom also reminded this commission that the construction will include a sub-contractor for the sole purpose of erosion control. Also noteworthy, Duke Energy has been onsite conducting testing of the existing lines currently in place, but never energized.

Adjourn – after a call for any questions or discussion Chairman Harrill called the meeting adjourned.