

**PLANNING COMMISSION
WORKSHOP MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING
MAY 26, 2015**

PRESENT AND ACTING:

**THOMAS G. FLOWERS, CHAIRMAN
DARRELL MCDOUGALD
WOODROW "LEE" SHELTON**

**EMORY GODWIN, DEPUTY
MATT FUQUA, ATTORNEY
CARLA HAND, CLERK OF COURT AND COUNTY COMPTROLLER
BECKY BROWN, DEPUTY CLERK**

The public hearing was called to order by Chairman Flowers at 5:00 p.m., CT.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT

Marina Pennington advised the Board the Technical Assistance Grant through the Department of Economic Opportunity assisted the County with three (3) items: Development of a New Economic Development Element, GIS maps and a general revision to the Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Pennington stated the Economic Development Program worked with numerous organizations within Calhoun County to identify the County's assets. Ms. Pennington stated the Economic Development contains eight (8) objectives that focus on four (4) main strategies of Economic Development. Those four strategies are Business Retention and Expansion, Entrepreneurship - Small Business Development, Tourism and Business Attraction. Ms. Pennington stated 16 maps were added to Calhoun County Comprehensive Plan. The Technical Assistance Grant assisted in creating a GIS map which is a useful tool for the County. Ms. Pennington stated the Technical Assistance Grant assisted in cleaning up the Calhoun County Comprehensive Plan by inserting a table of contents, eliminating duplicate entries and moving policies to one site within the Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Pennington advised the Board the Comprehensive Plan needs a further revision. Ms. Pennington recommended the Board apply for the next round of grants to continue to improve the Comprehensive Plan.

Ms. Pennington advised the Board the New Economic Development Element was drafted by the Economic Development committee. Attorney Fuqua stated Economic Development Element was well thought out and written. Attorney Fuqua suggested changing some of the language which won't change any of the elements. Chairman Flowers called for public comments. Kevin Jackson recommended the Board look into the multi-use and multi-dwellings within the County when considering the changes in the Economic Development Element.

- ❖ A motion to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners the adoption of Ordinance 2015-01 and transmittal of Ordinance 2015-01 and the amended version of the Calhoun County 2012-2025 Comprehensive Plan to the Department of Economic Opportunity for review was made by Commissioner McDougald and seconded by Commissioner Shelton. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 5:21 pm.



THOMAS G. FLOWERS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:



CARLA A. HAND, CLERK