

**CALHOUN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
September 17, 2019 4:30PM**

**PRESENT AND ACTING:**

GENE BAILEY, CHAIRMAN  
SCOTT MONLYN, VICE-CHAIRMAN  
EARL HUNT  
DANNY RAY WISE

FRANK SNOWDEN, COUNTY PLANNER  
CARLA HAND, CLERK OF COURT AND COUNTY COMPTROLLER  
DEBBIE SHELTON, CLERK ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The public hearing was called to order by Chairman Bailey and turned over to County Planner Snowden.

Mr. Snowden stated the reason for the public hearing is to announce the Conditional Use Permit Application of Vertex Development to develop a cell tower off of Highway 71 (between Glenn Terrell Warren's office and Wrennie Moody Road). Mr. Snowden stated it is a mono tower pole which stands 250' tall and will be placed 120' off of the right away. Mr. Snowden stated he had not received any calls objecting to this project.

Commissioner Hunt stated his concerns about the tower being too close to the highway in the event storm winds might blow it down. Mr. Brian Holmes, Vertex Development, stated to his knowledge they have never lost a tower due to hurricane storm winds. Mr. Holmes stated the tower has a narrow profile with very little wind resistance. Mr. Holmes stated the tower is designed to fold onto itself.

Chairman Bailey asked about moving the tower further back from the road. Mr. Schuh with Vertex Development stated the cost would be very expensive and suggested a redesign of the tower so the top 120' would fold onto itself.

Chairman Bailey stated the County has an Ordinance which allows the County space at the top of the tower at no charge to the County. Mr. Holmes stated Vertex Development has no problem giving the County space at the top.

Mr. Snowden stated there is a definite need for a tower in that area of the County and from all his research these type towers appear to be safe.

- ❖ Commissioner Hunt made a motion to recommend approval of a cell tower development off of Highway 71 with the safety stipulation that that the tower will fold onto itself at 120 feet and allowing the County access to tower space at no cost. Commissioner Monlyn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Mr. Snowden stated he has received a Conditional Use Permit Application from Hidden Creek Trailer Park to accommodate recreational vehicles (RV). Mr. Snowden stated he would like to schedule a technical review meeting with Attorney Fuqua being present to discuss needs of their application.

Mr. Snowden stated the Pioneer Settlement has applied to abandon a road in Oakland Terrace. Clerk Hand stated this topic is on the Regular Board Meeting Agenda.

Mr. Snowden stated the company proposing the development of a solar farm on Hamilton Springs Road has found an investor but the conditional use permit will expire soon and the company wants a two (2) year extension to the Conditional Use Permit. Mr. Snowden stated the County needs a process to be able to extend the time of the Conditional Use Permit.

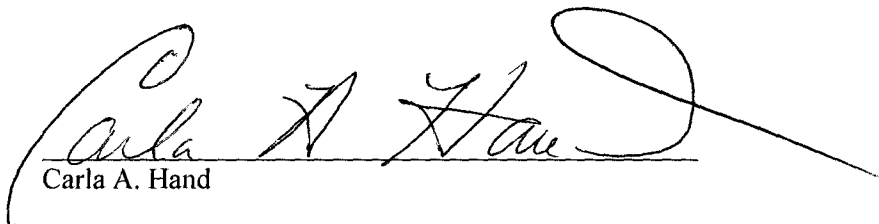
Chairman Bailey stated the Dollar General in Clarksville has not complied to the Conditional Use Permit concerning the fencing. Chairman Bailey asked Mr. Snowden to reach out to the developer concerning the fence. Mr. Snowden stated he had conducted a clear site triangle earlier that day and additional fencing can be installed and comply with the clear site triangle portion of the County's land development code. There was further discussion.

Chairman Bailey asked those present if they would like to have their public comments brought forward verbatim into the Regular meeting. There was consensus to carry forward all public comments made in the Planning Commission meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:50PM.

  
Gene Bailey, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Carla A. Hand