

FRANKLIN COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

April 14, 2015

The Franklin County Planning Board held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 in the Franklin County Administration Building, Commissioners Meeting Room, 113 Market Street, Louisburg, North Carolina.

Present: William Wallace, Fannie Brown, John Sledge, Mary Solomon, Ronnie Pearce, Steve Mitchell, and Steven Buescher.

Staff: Scott Hammerbacher and Kevin Lewis

Chairman William Wallace called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., and welcomed everyone in attendance. Mr. Mitchell gave the invocation. The agenda was adopted after a motion by Mr. Sledge was seconded by Mr. Buescher. A motion to approve the minutes from the prior Planning Board meeting, March 10, 2015, was made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Mitchell. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Items:

1. Timothy A. Lockamy is requesting to rezone 6.40 acres at the intersection of Bethlehem Church Road (State Road 1103) and NC 98 Highway in Harris Township from R-30 & R-1 Residential to Highway Business (HB).

The petitioner states older tax records show that a portion of this tract was previously shown and taxed as "HB" zoning. The petition further states this property has road frontage on NC 98 Hwy and Bethlehem Church Road. Abutting property to the east is zoned "HB", property directly across NC 98 is zoned "HB", and property directly across Bethlehem Church Road is zoned "HB". Requested change to "HB" zoning would make the property consistent with adjacent zoning, and would provide for usage which would be compatible with adjacent property.

The property is located in the Airport Height Overlay District. A small portion of the property is zoned R-1 Residential. This property is located at an intersection on a major thoroughfare and will be an extension of an adjacent Highway Business zoning district.

Mr. Lockamy stated that he intends to build a self-storage center at this location that will be low impact, and thinks it will fit in well with the surrounding area.

Mr. Pearce asked if there was anyone in attendance opposed the rezoning, none did.

Mr. Mitchell said he is familiar with the area and agrees with the petitioner, he makes the motion to recommend approval to the Board of County Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sledge and approved unanimously by the Board.

2. In other business, Mr. Lewis presented the Board with a workshop opportunity being hosted by the Kerr-Tar Council of Governments in June.

3. Mr. Hammerbacher made a presentation to the Board for County Government Month regarding infrastructure. Franklin County residents are the beneficiaries of a strong infrastructure network that includes schools, emergency services, and public utilities. These services encourage growth and development and help grow the County's tax base.

With there being no further business before the Planning Board, Mr. Wallace adjourned the meeting at 7:30 P.M.

William Wallace – Chairman
Franklin County Planning Board

Kevin Lewis – Clerk
Franklin County Planning Board