

Minutes

Wyoming County Planning Commission
SPECIAL March Board of Directors Meeting
March 29, 2017, 2:00 pm
Wyoming County EDA Office, Pineville, West Virginia

Call to Order: 2:10 pm

Roll Call: Present: Michael E. Cook, Jackie Whitley (phone), David “Bugs” Stover, Dvon Duncan (phone), Christy Laxton, David Lord, Silas Mullins, and Michael Cochrane.

Absent: Senator Sue Cline, Everett Frazier, Dwight Shorter, Jr., Vicki Knight Clay, Ruby Ingram, Tim Ellison and Stephanie Lusk.

Introduction of Guests: Christy DeMuth, WVU Law Clinic (phone); Mark Whitt, Wyoming County Assessor’s office.

New Business:

Under New Business for the Special Meeting, President Laxton asked Christy DeMuth to review the requirements to finalize the Comprehensive Plan.

The first item of discussion was to identify renewal/redevelopment areas and rural lands. Mr. Stover stated that Wyoming County is considered “rural” by the federal government, excluding the City of Mullens. The committee decided to include farmlands as rural lands, the area around the Coalfields Expressway as an area of focus for development along with the county Industrial Parks. The Abandoned Building Commission will continue to enforce the ordinance for abandoned/dilapidated homes and will work on completing the inventory list that has been started. Discussion of a map to include with the plan that shows the landholding companies that own property, or those that are considered “out-of-state landowners”. Over the long-term we would like to see a map with surface land, a map of mineral rights, and a map of the property that is not owned by those “out-of-state landowners.”

The second item of discussion was community design. Community Design is considered to provide the community extensive character and identity. Items discussed under community design included coal heritage, tourism and entrepreneurship.

The third item of discussion was the adoption schedule. Christy DeMuth will send us an updated adoption schedule in the coming weeks.

A motion was made by Mike Cook, seconded by David Lord, to approve the Final Draft Wyoming County Comprehensive Plan as discussed today and to begin the adoption process. All were in favor.

Mark Whitt will provide us with the farm map to be included with the plan, Silas Mullins will provide us with the abandoned building ordinances of both the county and the City of Mullens, and Christy DeMuth will try to work on some GIS maps to show the property owner layers to be included with the plan.

Next Meeting Date: April 26, 2017, 12:00 PM, at Southern WV Community & Technical College.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM from a motion made by Michael E. Cook and seconded by Silas Mullins.