

MINUTES OF THE LUNENBURG COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
June 1st, 2023, AT 6:00 PM

The Lunenburg County Planning Commission held its meeting on June 1st, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the 2nd floor courtroom, Lunenburg Courts Bldg., Lunenburg, VA. Commissioners Drummond, Garrett, Jennings, Shell, Tharpe, and Thompson were present. Also, in attendance was Clerk of the Planning Commission, Taylor N. King, and Assistant County Attorney, Drew DiStanislaio. Commissioners Pennington and Trent were absent.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chairman Tharpe. Mrs. King conducted a roll call of the members. All the members except Commissioners Pennington and Trent were present.

Chairman Tharpe asked if there were any additions or modifications to the agenda. None were brought forth.

Chairman Tharpe called for the Declaration of Conflict-Of-Interests. None were brought forth.

Chairman Tharpe called for a motion for approval of the April 2023 Planning Commission Minutes. Mrs. King requested that a revision of “are” to “area” be made on page 3. Commissioner Drummond made the motion to approve, which was seconded by Commissioner Shell. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Chairman Tharpe advised the Director of Planning and Economic Development’s monthly report for May is in the packet.

Chairman Tharpe called for Citizen Time. No citizens came forward to speak.

Mrs. King read the Public Speaking Guidelines.

Chairman Tharpe called the public hearing **CUP 2-23: Community Resource Services/Donna Dagner (“Food Pantry”)**: to construct and operate a Community Center which is owned and operated by a not-for-profit organization and not operated for commercial purposes on tax parcel 033A9-03-0-8, on Central Lane off Tomlinson Road, Victoria, VA 23974 (permanent 911 address has not been provided at this time), consisting of 5.08 acres (2 acres will be subdivided from this parcel to be utilized) in an A-1 Agricultural Zone.

Commissioner Shell made the motion to enter into public hearing, which was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and unanimously approved.

Ms. Dagner presented on behalf of CUP 2-23: Community Resource Services/Donna Dagner (“Food Pantry”). During her presentation, she highlighted the following:

- Food Pantry History
- Food Pantry Operations
- Reason for Relocation
- How they Came About the New Proposed Location
- Primary Clientele

- Serve Food Insecurity
- Localities they Serve

Commissioner Garrett questioned if they will only be utilizing two (2) acres of the parcel or if they will be getting two (2) acres. Mrs. King advised they are being gifted two (2) acres.

Chairman Tharpe called for any citizens wishing to speak for or against the application. The following spoke in support of the application:

1. Pamela Caruso—1510 3rd Street, Victoria, VA 23974
2. Samuel A. Wallace, III—1402 11th Street, Victoria, VA 23974
3. Ronald Wilson—715 Country Road, Saxe, VA 23967
4. Patricia Harper-Tunley—2509 Unity Road, Kenbridge, VA 23944

Commissioner Drummond made the motion to exit public hearing, which was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and unanimously approved.

Mrs. King read the conditions if the application is recommended to the Board of Supervisors for approval. Mrs. King also requested to modify the verbiage about the requirements by VDOT and add the condition that pertains to the removal of trash, garbage, debris, etc. from the property.

Commissioner Shell made the motion to recommend approval with conditions and modifications requested by Mrs. King for CUP 2-23: Community Resource Services/Donna Dagner (“Food Pantry”) to the Board of Supervisors, which was seconded by Commissioner Thompson. A roll call vote with explanation was conducted with the following votes:

- Commission Thompson: Yah—They have been an asset to the County.
- Commissioner Shell: Yah—They have been a great help to the County.
- Commissioner Drummond: Yah—There is always a need for these services.
- Commissioner Jennings: Yah—They have done well over the years, and I believe they will continue to do well.
- Chairman Tharpe: Yah—They have done well in the past.
- Commissioner Garrett: Yah—They have been a huge asset for the County, and they aid with a huge need that is present in the County. They did well with their Conditional Use Permit Application.

Unanimously recommended to the Board of Supervisors for approval with conditions and modifications requested by Mrs. King by the Commissioners present.

Mrs. King advised that the application would go before the Board of Supervisors at the June Board of Supervisors meeting, which is scheduled for July 13th, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the 2nd floor Courtroom of the Lunenburg Courts Building.

Mrs. King advised that the public hearings for CUP 2-22: Laurel Branch Solar and CUP 6-22: Laurel Branch Switchyard have been deferred and a new date has not been determined and/or scheduled.

Chairman Tharpe called for Other Business— Mrs. King polled the Commission as to whether they would be willing to switch to iPads to reduce the cost and time required for the binders. The Commissioners had no objection to this option.

Chairman Tharpe questioned Assistant County Attorney DiStanislao if he had an update. Mr. DiStanislao provided an update on the Cell Tower Ordinance.

Chairman Tharpe made the announcement that the next meeting would be Thursday, July 6th, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.—pending agenda items, which could change the start time of the meeting or determine if there would not be a July meeting. On a motion made by Commissioner Thompson and seconded by Chairman Tharpe, the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

James “Buck” Tharpe, Chairman
Lunenburg County Planning Commission

Taylor N. King, Clerk
Lunenburg County Planning Commission