



**Prince Edward County Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2017
7:00 pm**

Members Present:	John Townsend, Chairman	Chris Mason, Vice Chairman
	Donald Gilliam	Preston L. Hunt
	Mark Jenkins	Clifford Jack Leatherwood
	John “Jack” W. Peery, Jr.	John Pregarman
	Cannon Watson	
Absent:	Robert “Bobby” Jones	
Staff Present:	Wade Bartlett, County Administrator	

Chairman Townsend called the October 24, 2017 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Townsend thanked all commissioners for attending and thanked Vice-Chairman Mason for conducting the two meetings in his absence.

Approval of Minutes: August 15, 2017

Commissioner Peery made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from August 15, 2017; the motion carried:

Aye:	Donald Gilliam	Nay: (None)	Abstain: John Townsend, III
	Preston L. Hunt		
	Mark Jenkins		
	Clifford Jack Leatherwood		
	Chris Mason		
	John “Jack” W. Peery, Jr.		
	John Pregarman		
	Cannon Watson		
Absent:	Robert M. Jones		

In Re: Old Business

Mr. Wade Bartlett, County Administrator, stated that during the Board of Supervisors meeting regarding the Fence Ordinance, the Supervisors agreed to leave the Ordinance as is. He said that in Virginia, the default is a “fence out” law which means it is a citizen’s responsibility to fence cows out of his or her own yard. The State Ordinance only concerns livestock on public roads. Prince Edward County adopted the current ordinance in 2006 and makes it the responsibility of the cattle owner to “fence-in” his livestock. The fine has been changed from a criminal offense to a civil offense and added the monetary fine would be “up to” \$250 and not a flat \$250 amount.

Chairman Townsend questioned the impetus for action on the Fence Ordinance. Mr. Bartlett stated the Courts declared the Ordinance un-enforceable. Mr. Bartlett said warnings are given prior to tickets being issued; the citizen may be

given a few hours or a few days, dependent upon where the livestock is or the circumstances for the animals being out, such as natural disaster. He said all the circumstances were not written into the code to allow for discretion.

New Business

Mr. Bartlett said there have been a lot of businesses come to the County during the last two months to inquire about opening in Prince Edward County, and there may be a special use permit application presented at the next Planning Commission meeting on Plum Creek Road.

Chairman Townsend then asked if there is anything coming through Prince Edward County regarding the pipeline. Mr. Bartlett said the Board will have to sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with DEQ about stormwater; General Assembly stated that local governments do not have the authority to control the erosion, sediment control and stormwater of the pipeline. Mr. Bartlett said a number of counties have already adopted it; Prince Edward County will likely address that issue in November. Mr. Bartlett added that there are only about five miles of Prince Edward County that are affected.

Commissioner Hunt questioned the news of a Hardees coming into the town; Mr. Bartlett stated it is planned to be between Benchmark and the old Shoney's. Mr. Bartlett added the two new hotels should open soon. Mr. Bartlett said he met with a representative from the State Department concerning the FASTC Project in Fort Pickett; they are gathering data on all the surrounding counties because it will employ 400 full-time and anywhere from 1,600 students at any one time, and those students have to find housing in the open market, not on base. This will impact all the surrounding counties and is expected to open in about a year and a half. The biggest impact will be on Blackstone.

Chairman Townsend made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m.; the motion carried:

Aye:	Donald Gilliam	Nay:	(None)
	Preston L. Hunt		
	Mark Jenkins		
	Clifford Jack Leatherwood		
	Chris Mason		
	John "Jack" W. Peery, Jr.		
	John Prengaman		
	John Townsend, III		
	Cannon Watson		
Absent:	Robert M. Jones		

Next Meeting: November 21, 2017