

MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 24, 2007

The Caswell County Board of Commissioners met in special session at the Historic Courthouse in Yanceyville, North Carolina at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 24, 2007. The purpose of the meeting was to hold a public hearing to receive comments on proposed amendments to the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. Members present: George W. Ward, Jr., Chairman, Jeremiah Jefferies, Vice-Chairman, William E. Carter, Nathaniel Hall, Larry G. Hamlett, Kenneth D. Travis, and C. Hester Vernon, III. Also present: Kevin B. Howard, County Manager. Wanda P. Smith, Clerk to the Board, recorded the minutes.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

Chairman Ward opened the meeting with a Moment of Silent Prayer.

PUBLIC HEARING – FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE

Commissioner Jefferies moved, seconded by Commissioner Travis that the Board enter into a public hearing to receive comments on proposed amendments to the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brian Collie, County Planner, presented and reviewed proposed amendments to the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. Mr. Collie reported that the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) have been completed for Caswell County by FEMA.

Mr. Collie reported that after the last completed review of the Flood Prevention Ordinance was made, it was sent back to the North Carolina State FEMA Agency for final revisions. Mr. Collie stated that in order for Caswell County to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), the federal government made minor changes to the County's Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance to meet FEMA's standards. Mr. Collie added that these changes must be approved and sent back to FEMA for their approval before September 28, 2007, in order for Caswell County to participate in the program.

Mr. Collie informed the Board that the following sections designate the changes made by the Federal Government that need to be approved:

Article 2 – Removal of Shear Wall definition.

Article 4, Section B,1,g – Amendment of one permit requirement.

Article 4, Section C,2 – Amendment of one Floodplain Administrator Responsibility.

Article 5, Section D,2,a,b,& c – Amendment of standards where there is no Base Flood Elevation.

Mr. Collie informed the Board that they need to appoint a Floodplain Administrator (Article 4, Section A) to uphold the duties and responsibilities outlined in Article 4, Section C, and establish a Board of Adjustments which is referred to in the Ordinance as the Appeal Board, who shall hear and decide requests for variances from the requirements of this Ordinance (Article 4, Section E(1)).

Commissioner Hall asked Mr. Collie if he or the Planning Board looked at these proposed rules to determine the impact that it will have on current building procedures in Caswell County. Mr. Collie answered that at the last Planning Board meeting this was not discussed, but noted that these changes were made by the government and they have to be made before they will accept it.

There being no further comments, Chairman Ward declared the public hearing closed.

Chairman Ward stated that the Board would appoint the County Planner as the Floodplain Administrator at a later meeting.

Commissioner Vernon moved, seconded by Commissioner Hamlett to approve the proposed amendments to the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance as presented by the County Planner. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Commissioner Jefferies to appoint the Board of Commissioners as the Board of Adjustments for the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.

THE ADJOURNMENT

At 6:45 p.m. Commissioner Hamlett moved, seconded by Commissioner Jefferies to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Wanda P. Smith
Clerk to the Board

George W. Ward, Jr.
Chairman
