

PRESENT: T. Cole, Chairman  
E. Shipplett, Vice Chairman  
J. Curd  
C. Foschini  
K. Shiflett  
R. L. Earhart, Senior Planner and Secretary

ABSENT: S. Bridge  
K. Leonard  
T. Fitzgerald, Director of Community Development

VIRGINIA: At the Called Meeting of the Augusta County Planning Commission held on Tuesday, November 11, 2014, at 5:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Conference Room, Augusta County Government Center, Verona, Virginia.

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The Planning Commission assembled in the Augusta County Government Center to discuss the proposed amendment to the County Code, which will be considered by the Commission.

Mrs. Earhart reviewed the revised Agriculture, Economy, Human Services, Natural Resources, Utilities, Annual Reviews, and Capital Improvements Plan chapters of the Comprehensive Plan. She stated these are the changes that have been made since the last time the Planning Commission reviewed these sections. Changes to the Implementation Strategy section, which have not previously been reviewed by the Planning Commission, were presented and reviewed. The Commission made changes to the Agriculture and Implementation Strategy sections.

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VIRGINIA: At the Regular Meeting of the Augusta County Planning Commission held on Tuesday, November 11, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room, Augusta County Government Center, Verona, Virginia.

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**DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

Mr. Cole stated as there were six (6) members present, there was a quorum.

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**MINUTES**

Mr. Curd moved to approve the minutes of the called and regular meetings held on October 14, 2014.

Mr. Bridge seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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**AUGUSTA COUNTY CODE SECTIONS 25-72.1, 25-122.1, and 25-132.1**

An ordinance to amend Section 25-72.1, Section 25-122.1, and Section 25-132.1 of the Augusta County Code, to allow accessory structures that do not meet the stated ordinance criteria for accessory structures, to be permitted by special use permit in General Agriculture Districts, Rural Residential Districts, and Single Family Residential Districts, provided that such accessory structure is not out of character with the

neighborhood it is to be built in, and is not disproportionately large in relation to other structures located on adjoining or surrounding properties.

Mrs. Earhart stated the Commission had discussed the ordinance amendment during the worksession and asked if there were any questions.

There being no questions from the Commissioners regarding the amendment, Mr. Cole opened the public hearing.

There being no one to speak in favor of or against the amendment, Mr. Cole closed the public hearing.

Mr. Shipplett moved to recommend approval of the amendment to the County Code to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Foschini seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Election of Officers**

Mr. Cole presented the nominating committee report. He placed into nomination the names of Eric Shipplett as Chairman, Steve Bridge as Vice Chairman, and Becky Earhart as Secretary.

Mrs. Shiflett moved, seconded by Mr. Curd to elect the slate by acclamation. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Inclement Weather Policy**

Mr. Bridge moved to recommend approval of the following ordinance:

#### **INCLEMENT WEATHER RESOLUTION 2015**

WHEREAS, § 15.2-2214 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, authorizes the Augusta County Planning Commission to fix a schedule of regular meetings.

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission now desires to establish its schedule for regular meetings during calendar year 2015.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AUGUSTA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION:

1. The Planning Commission shall hold regular meetings during calendar year 2015, in the Board Meeting Room at the Augusta County Government Center, on the dates and at the times set forth below:

January 13, 2015	7:00 p.m.
February 10, 2015	7:00 p.m.
March 10, 2015	7:00 p.m.
April 14, 2015	7:00 p.m.
May 12, 2015	7:00 p.m.
June 9, 2015	7:00 p.m.
July 14, 2015	7:00 p.m.
August 11, 2015	7:00 p.m.
September 8, 2015	7:00 p.m.
October 13, 2015	7:00 p.m.
November 10, 2015	7:00 p.m.

2. In the event the Chairman of the Planning Commission, or the Vice Chairman of the Planning Commission, if the Chairman is unable to act, finds and declares that weather or other conditions are such that it is hazardous for members of the Planning Commission to attend a meeting, such meeting shall be continued to the next Tuesday. Such finding and declaration shall be communicated to the members of the Planning Commission and the press as promptly as possible. All hearings and other matters previously advertised shall be conducted at the continued meeting and no further advertisement is required.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be adopted by the Commission and recorded in its minutes.

Mr. Shipplett seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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**REVIEW OF CHANGES OF COMP PLAN - TRANSPORTATION**

Mrs. Earhart reviewed the changes to the Transportation chapter of the Comp Plan. She stated the changes to this chapter were primarily for clarification. She stated VDOT made suggestions for changes to the Transportation chapter when they reviewed it, and those changes have been made.

Mrs. Earhart made reference to the charts in Part III, Land Use and Planning Assumptions. The charts give employment information of the top ten locations where residents work and the top ten locations of where employees live. Additionally, maps show where residents in the cities of Staunton and Waynesboro are working and where the employees of city businesses live. The point of the charts and maps is to show commuting patterns and the roads that will be impacted within the County.

Mrs. Earhart continued reviewing Part III, Land Use and stated VDOT wanted more of an explanation about how the Planning Policy Areas work in terms of where the County is anticipating growth and where it is not. She referred to Table #3, Augusta County

Residential Dwelling Units Approved Since 2007, which shows residential projects approved since 2007 and shows how many trips are generated from the various types of residential projects and the estimated total daily trips for projects that are planned and approved in various parts of Augusta County. VDOT asked for the percentage of projects completed statistic shown in Table 4 to be included for the commercial and industrial projects.

Mr. Shipplett asked if these are projects that were approved from 2007 through 2014.

Mrs. Earhart stated they are projects that were approved through the early part of 2014. There are some projects approved in 2014 that are not reflected in the tables.

Mrs. Earhart referred to Part IV, Transportation System Needs Assessment, Safety Deficiencies. She stated the Greenville map that was part of the Transportation Plan previously has been removed due to inconsistencies of previous data that showed a significant crash rate in the Greenville area at the Rt. 11, Interstate 81 interchange, even after road improvements were made. Data has since been updated that show the crash rate has decreased in that particular area.

Mrs. Earhart continued to review the remainder of the changes to the Transportation section of the Comp Plan.

Mr. Bridge asked if Howardsville Turnpike was in the road improvement plan for Augusta County.

Mrs. Earhart stated from the intersection of Rt. 608 to Lake Road is part of the road improvement plan. From Lake Road on is not in the Transportation Plan; however, maintenance work is planned for Howardsville Turnpike.

There were no further changes recommended for the Transportation Plan.

Mr. Bridge moved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that a joint worksession be held on the Draft Comprehensive Plan update including the revisions made tonight, and that the Board authorize the update for a subsequent joint public hearing.

Mrs. Shiflett seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **A. CODE OF VIRGINIA – SECTION 15.2-2310**

Mrs. Earhart reviewed with the Commissioners the requests coming before the BZA.

The Planning Commission took no action on the BZA items.

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There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

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Chairman

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Secretary