

VIRGINIA: THE JOINT WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE DINWIDDIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE DINWIDDIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION HELD IN THE TRAINING ROOM OF THE DINWIDDIE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2019 AT 6:00 P.M.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PRESENT:

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| HARRISON A. MOODY      |               | ELECTION DIST 1 |
| DR. MARK E. MOORE      |               | ELECTION DIST 2 |
| WILLIAM D. CHAVIS      | CHAIRMAN      | ELECTION DIST 3 |
| DANIEL D. LEE          |               | ELECTION DIST 4 |
| BRENDA K. EBRON-BONNER | VICE CHAIRMAN | ELECTION DIST 5 |

PLANNING COMMISSION PRESENT:

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| THOMAS TUCKER    |               | AT-LARGE |
| SAMUEL W. HAYES  | VICE CHAIRMAN | AT-LARGE |
| ANTHONY SIMMONS  | CHAIRMAN      | DIST #5  |
| EVERETTE PROSISE |               | DIST #1  |
| EDWARD TITMUS    |               | DIST #2  |
| JOHN HARVELL     |               | DIST #3  |
| BUTCH CUNNINGHAM |               | DIST #4  |

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| OTHER: | KEVIN MASSENGILL | COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR                    |
|        | MARK BASSETT     | PLANNING DIRECTOR                       |
|        | TYLER SOUTHALL   | COUNTY ATTORNEY                         |
|        | MICHAEL DREWRY   | COUNTY ATTORNEY                         |
|        | TAMMIE COLLINS   | DIV. CHIEF OF PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEV. |
|        | LORI STEVENS     | COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE             |

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**IN RE: CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Chavis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**IN RE: ROLL CALL**

Mr. Chavis asked for the Boards roll calls.

Mr. Moody, Dr. Moore, Mr. Lee and Mr. Chavis was present during roll call and Ms. Bonner came in shortly after.

Mr. Tucker, Mr. Prosise, Mr. Harvell, Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Titmus was present during roll call and Mr. Simmons and Mr. Hayes came in shortly after.

**IN RE: SOLAR ENERGY FACILITES – Joe Lerch, AICP, Director of Local Government Policy, Virginia Association of Counties (VACo):**

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PLANNING COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING**

Mr. Joe Lerch gave a brief presentation on Utility-Scale Solar and Local Taxation. He talked about Utility-Scale Solar Energy (USSE) in Virginia, the State-mandated exemption for Machinery & Tool Tax (M&T), the Impact of Applicable Local Government Taxes on Utility Scale Solar and VACo's 2020 Legislative Position on utility-scale solar facilities. He said VACo supports returning the authority to counties to determine local tax incentives for utility-scale solar installations and opposes any expansion or extension of the state-mandated tax exemption on local property taxes for solar equipment. Additionally he said VACo supports maintaining local authority to address all impacts associated with utility-scale solar projects. He concluded by giving two examples of M&T Revenue Estimates for Dinwiddie County.

There was solar related discussion among the Commissioners after the presentation.

**IN RE: 2020 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATES, SCHEDULE AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS – Tammie Collins, Deputy County Administrator Planning and Community Development and Mark Bassett, Planning Director:**

Mr. Bassett said it is time for the next update of the County Comprehensive Plan. We have done minor updates throughout the last couple years, but it is time for the major update. He said what staff is focusing on as far as utilizing the Planning Commissioners is getting Commissioners appointed for Comprehensive Plan element committee assignments. The four main elements staff is looking at are Community Facilities, Economic Development, Recreation and Future Land Use. Mr. Bassett presented a schedule that listed what is to be accomplished from December 2019 to December 2020. He mentioned that Ms. Collins would be talking about the Comprehensive Plan committee appointments.

Mrs. Collins communicated the need to have a Planning Commissioner serve as the Chairman of each engagement session of the four focus areas mentioned by Mr. Bassett. Mr. Bassett and a corresponding County staff person will be responsible for all the technical work, data, and meeting coordination. The County staff person will serve as the subject expert for that respective area. For example, Mr. Vines, Director of Recreation would be the subject expert from the Recreation perspective, and from the Economic Development perspective, Mrs. Ingram who is the Director of Economic Development would be the expert. This evening the goal is to identify three Planning Commissioners that would lead the charge for the Community Facilities portion, the Recreation portion and the Economic Development portion of the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Bassett will guide the Land Use and Housing component portion of the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Hayes volunteered to help Mr. Bassett with Land Use. Mr. Cunningham volunteered to help Mr. Vines with Recreation. Mr. Titmus volunteered to help Mrs. Ingram with Economic Development. Mr. Harvell and Mr. Prorise volunteered to help Mrs. Collins with Community Facilities.

There was some discussion among the Board and Commissioners after the presentation.

**IN RE: SUBDIVISION REQUIREMENTS – Mark Bassett, Planning Director**

Ms. Bassett showed the members a map of the 2019 development activity for strictly residential single-family stick built homes, modular homes as well as manufacture housing. Mr. Bassett said Board member Lee had initiated this driving tour and wanted to start talking about subdivision development and subdivision requirements related to that. This driving tour was the first step.

There was some discussion among the Commissioners after the presentation.

Mr. Bassett said after hearing the concerns of everyone, staff sees the need to reconstitute the subdivision committee the County had in place a couple of years ago. With the stormwater issues becoming greater, we really do need to look at adding some requirements in our Subdivision Ordinance. When you have a stormwater BMP, someone has to maintain it, and with a residentially zoned subdivision a homeowner's Association would be required to maintain the stormwater management BMP. Some of the other items that you all talked about, like sidewalks, lighting, signage in subdivisions, needs addressing as well. With so many of the properties already being zoned R-1, we don't have the opportunity to work with the developers through rezoning to get some of those things. We will have start talking about how we can incorporate them into our Subdivision Ordinance.

**IN RE: ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Tucker made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Cunningham seconded it and with all members present voting "AYE," the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Bassett  
Planning Director

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Planning Commission Chairman

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_