

PUBLIC WORKS & PLANNING COMMITTEE

May 7, 2014

6:00 p.m.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Rhonda Allen
Commissioner Jack Black
Commissioner Gary Farley
Commissioner Chantho Sourinho
Commissioner Robert Stevens
Commissioner Brad Turner
Commissioner Joe Frank Jernigan, C

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ernest Burgess Doug Demosi
Mac Nolen David Jones
Becky Shelton

Chairman Jernigan presided and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with six members being present at that time.

MINUTES:

"Commissioner Farley moved, seconded by Commissioner Sourinho, to approve the minutes of the last meeting as mailed. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

CONVENIENCE CENTERS REPORT AND LANDFILL REPORT:

Mac Nolen presented the Landfill and Convenience Centers reports for the use and information of the Committee advising he will try to have a meeting with tire dealers to explain the upcoming tire situation and get dealer opinions and suggestions.

Mr. Nolen advised how busy the Convenience Centers are on the weekends and he will have to look at how to keep them open and containers available. Loads on Sundays have to be double handled because the landfill is closed, Mr. Nolen advised he would recommend closing on Sundays and being open on Thursdays. Commissioner Farley and Chairman Jernigan both advised they would have concerns about being closed on Sundays as this may lead to trash being dumped outside of Convenience Centers. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Stevens moved, seconded by Commissioner Allen, to approve the Landfill and Convenience Centers reports as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

BUILDING CODES REPORT:

David Jones presented the Building Codes report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Farley moved, seconded by Commissioner Black, to approve the Building Codes report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:

Doug Demosi presented the Planning Commission report for the use and information of the Committee with information on available subdivision lots and the Public Works report. Mr. Demosi also provided a memorandum regarding accessory daycare regulations and proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance relating to child care centers as accessory uses in legally established Community Assembly uses. Chairman Farley advised he would like notice to the Fire Marshall's Office added to the requirements. Mr. Demosi advised Commissioner Farley could amend the same from the floor of the Commission. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Allen moved, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the Planning Commission report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT:

No Highway Department report was presented at this time.

BUSHNELL CAVE AND CREEK:

Mayor Burgess advised a request had been received from the Rutherford County Historical Society requesting the County restore the historically correct name of Bushnell Cave and Creek. Eusebius Bushnell, a Revolutionary War captain, was an aggressive purchaser of North Carolina land grants in the late 1770's and at one time controlled over 10,000 acres in what is today the northern and eastern sections of Rutherford County. Proximate to the Bushnell holdings along today's Twin Oaks Drive east of Murfreesboro was a cave from which flowed a "remarkable large cave spring" feeding a stream that joined the East Fork upstream from today's Walter Hill community. According to early land records and 19th century maps, the cave was named for Bushnell and the stream was named Bushnell Creek. The cave mouth is now flooded and concealed by a farm pond. It appears that Union cartographers during the Civil War may have mistakenly identified this East Fork tributary as "Bushmans Creek." This misnomer appears on the 1878 Beers map and now appears in numerous area maps, although the Bushnell name remains in state records. Accordingly, the Historical Society requested restoration of the historic name changing the designation on the official county map and replacing bridge signs on Compton Road and Lascassas Pike. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Stevens moved, seconded by Commissioner Farley, to make the designation on County maps the name Bushnell Cave and Creek from Bushmans Cave and Creek. Additionally, that signs be provided to replace bridge signs on Compton Road and Lascassas Pike by the Rutherford County Highway Department with installation and a copy of the minutes and any Resolution be forwarded to the Highway Department for such work. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

There appearing to be no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Jernigan declared the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

JOE FRANK JERNIGAN, Chairman