

**Joint Worksession
July 30, 2008
5:00 p.m.**

PLANNING COMMISSION:

PRESENT: Stephen N. Bridge, Chairman
Joseph Shomo, Vice-Chairman
Thomas H. Byerly
Taylor Cole
Wayne F. Hite
Kitra A. Shiflett

ABSENT: James W. Curd

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

PRESENT: David R. Beyeler, Chairman
Wendell L. Coleman
Gerald W. Garber
Larry C. Howdyshell
Tracy C. Pyles, Jr., Vice-Chairman
Jeremy L. Shiflett
Nancy Taylor Sorrells

STAFF: Patrick J. Coffield, County Administrator
Patrick J. Morgan, County Attorney
Dale L. Cobb, Director of Community Development
Becky Earhart, Senior Planner
Doug Wolfe, County Engineer
Todd Flippen, Engineer I
John Wilkinson, Zoning Administrator
Michele Astarb, Subdivision Administrator

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ORDINANCE REVIEW

David Beyeler, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors called the Board of Supervisors to order. Stephen N. Bridge, Chairman of the Augusta County Planning Commission, called the Planning Commission to order.

Mr. Beyeler turned the meeting over to Jim Duncan, Duncan Associates to present their review of the County's Zoning, Subdivision, and Stormwater Ordinances. Mr. Duncan thanked everyone for coming and indicated that their team has enjoyed their work so far. He introduced Eric Kelly, Vice President of Duncan Associates, who would be making the presentation. He began by saying that the County should be proud. They are doing a lot of things right. Their job was to identify those areas where the ordinances could be improved and make suggestions. The hard part will be up to the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission when they have to make the tough policy decisions. Mr. Kelly presented the results of their review.

The group recessed for a short dinner break and resumed the meeting.

After Mr. Kelly completed his presentation, he reviewed the summary table he passed out. The table lists all of the major issues and indicates which ones are inconsistent with State law, have Constitutional concerns, are inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan, are concerns of stakeholders, are unclear or confusing, and those that could be changed to adopt "best planning practices". He stated the last two columns are the extent of the ordinance changes- ranging from minor to major- and the complexity of the fix- ranging from easy to difficult policy issues. They are ready and willing to tackle all of the items on the list or just those desired by the County.

Mr. Beyeler stated that the next step would be to decide if the County wants to move the project forward and have Duncan Associates make changes to the County's ordinances. He stated the next phase of the project was approximately \$87,000. He suggested that the Planning Commission consider it at their August meeting and he asked for it to be put on the agenda for the Board's August worksession.

Mr. Coleman moved, seconded by Mr. Garber, that the worksession be adjourned. The motion passed. Mr. Cole moved, seconded by Ms. Shiflett to adjourn the Planning Commission. The motion passed. The worksession was adjourned.

Chairman

County Administrator

Chairman

Secretary