



Moore County Board of Commissioners

January 18, 2024 | 5:30 PM
Pinecrest High School Auditorium
250 Voit Gilmore Lane
Southern Pines, NC

LAND USE PLAN UPDATE PUBLIC FORUM MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Chairman Nick Picerno, Vice Chairman Kurt Cook (arrived 6:05pm), Frank Quis, John Ritter, Jim Von Canon

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Picerno called the meeting to order. County Manager Wayne Vest offered the invocation and Commissioner Quis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. WELCOME

Chairman Picerno welcomed everyone and provided introduction of commissioners, staff, and consultants. He provided brief background information on the Land Use Plan and encouraged citizens to tell the Board what they wanted Moore County to look like going forward.

2. BRIEF OVERVIEW

Planning Director Debra Ensminger reviewed historical documents for zoning and land use in Moore County and noted that the County had come a long way.

3. ORIENTATION

Mr. Ben Hitchings with Green Heron Planning, LLC welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming and participating. He provided ground rules for public commenting and explained how to obtain more information on the Land Use Plan Update Project on the County's website. He noted the Board would establish a time limit per speaker for public comments and gave the floor to Chairman Picerno to vote on that matter. Upon motion made by Chairman Picerno, seconded by Commissioner Von Canon, the Board voted 5-0 to establish a three-minute limit per speaker.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following offered comments: Jerry Williams, Terry Bryant, Collett Kolinski, Bob Coates, Larry Best, Jeff Marcus, Ellen Marcus, Hillary Simpson, Don Stalls, Debbie Williams, Marsh Smith, Amy Dahl, Matthew Parker, Michael Parker, Leslie Yarbrough, Clayton Stevens, John Webster, Bruce Geddes, Tom Adams, Koby Robson, Kaitlyn Wood, Nate Huntress.

Mr. Hitchings thanked everyone.

(Options to comment via post-it notes or on a comment card were also provided.)

5. NEXT STEPS

Chairman Picerno asked how many present thought Moore County was growing too fast, and the vast majority present raised their hands. Chairman Picerno noted that the County was growing even under the current Land Use Plan, so this was an incentive to re-look at it. He shared his gratitude for how everyone expressed themselves and noted there was no right or wrong answer. He asked the commissioners to share their birthplaces and each commissioner did so and offered comments regarding their love for living in Moore County.

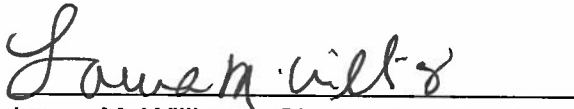
Chairman Picerno shared that the Board would convene for a work session the following Thursday to discuss what was heard this night. He said the Board wanted it (the Land Use Plan) done right and was not worried about getting it done fast.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, upon motion made by Commissioner Von Canon, seconded by Commissioner Ritter, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn the January 18, 2024, Special Meeting of the Moore County Board of Commissioners at 7:08pm.



Nick Picerno, Chairman



Laura M. Williams, Clerk to the Board

