

Meeting Minutes
Jefferson County Planning Commission
October 26, 2021

The Jefferson County Planning Commission met on October 26, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. with the following Commission members present via ZOOM: Mike Shepp, President; Donnie Fisher, Vice President; Wade Louthan, Secretary; Jack Hefestay, Ron Thomas, Shane Roper, Matt Knott*, and Steve Stolipher, County Commission Liaison.

The following Commission members were absent: J Ware.

Staff members present included Jennifer Brockman, County Planner; Jonathan Saunders, County Engineer; Charlotte Ainsworth, Paralegal, and Nathan Cochran, County Attorney.

**Mr. Knott joined the meeting at 7:03 PM.*

By order of the President, the Special Called Planning Commission meeting was held virtually via ZOOM. Virtual meeting access information was made available on the agenda, which was posted to the County website.

Ms. Brockman conducted a roll call. Mr. Shepp stated that there was a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. Discussion and Action: Jefferson County Vision, Inc., a West Virginia Non-Profit Corporation, v. The Jefferson County Planning Commission, a Public Corporation - State of WV (Jefferson County Circuit Court Civil Action No. CC-19-2021-C-109) relating to PC Project File #21-2-Z.

Mr. Shepp requested that Mr. Cochran address the subject lawsuit. Mr. Cochran stated that he would like to discuss the complaint, the court's recent order, and a potential answer to the complaint that the Planning Commission needs to review.

Mr. Shepp made a motion to go into Executive Session to receive legal advice on the previously referenced lawsuit and a possible filing at 7:03 pm. Mr. Cochran clarified that it will be to discuss an answer to the complaint and potentially some other motions that the Commission may need to decide to answer. Mr. Hefestay seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Knott made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:55 pm. Mr. Hefestay seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Fisher made a motion to authorize Legal Counsel to file the answer to the complaint and motions as discussed in executive Session. Mr. Hefestay seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Hefestay made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. Mr. Stolipher seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

These minutes were prepared by Jennifer Brockman, County Planner.

The Zoom recording had technical issues and is not complete.