

Meeting Minutes
Jefferson County Planning Commission
April 19, 2022

The Jefferson County Planning Commission met on April 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. with the following Planning Commission members present in-person: Mike Shepp, President; Wade Louthan, Secretary; and Jack Hefestay. Ron Thomas and J. Ware were present via ZOOM.

Steve Stolipher, Matt Knott, Shane Roper, and Donnie Fisher were absent with notice.

Staff members present included Jennifer Brockman, County Planner; Alexandra Beaulieu, Zoning Administrator; Nathan Cochran, County Attorney; and Will Rohrbaugh, County Commission's legal representative (ZOOM).

The Planning Commission meeting was held as a hybrid meeting, with in-person and virtual meeting options available. The information to attend the meeting was made available on the agenda and packet, which were posted to the County website.

Mr. Shepp called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

1. **Review and Discuss** the first draft of a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to create provisions to allow Solar Energy Facilities to process in Jefferson County. The draft amendment includes provisions to allow Solar Energy Facilities to process as a Permitted Use on parcels located within the Urban Growth Boundary and Preferred Growth Area as identified on the Future Land Use Guide in the Envisions Jefferson Comprehensive Plan. The amendment also includes provisions to allow Solar Energy Facilities to process as a Conditional Use on parcels located outside of the Urban Growth Boundary and Preferred Growth Area.

Ms. Beaulieu provided an overview of the draft text amendment and answered questions from the Planning Commission.

2. **Discussion and Possible Action** to schedule a Public Hearing to receive public input on the proposed text amendment.

Mr. Shepp made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing on the draft text amendment for May 17, 2022. Mr. Louthan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. **Discussion** of Jefferson County Circuit Court case number 2021-C-109, styled generally as Jefferson County Vision, Inc. v Jefferson County Planning Commission.

Mr. Cochran recommended that the Planning Commission go into executive session to receive legal advice on Circuit Court case number 2021-C-109. Mr. Shepp motioned to go into executive session to receive legal advice on Circuit Court case number 2021-C-109. Mr. Hefestay seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Louthan motioned to come out of executive session at 8:17 p.m. Mr. Hefestay seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Hefestay motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. Mr. Ware seconded the motion, which carried unanimously

These minutes were prepared by Alexandra Beaulieu, Zoning Administrator.