

Lee County Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
CMD SGTMAJ Bennie Adkins Meeting Center
205 South 10th Street
Opelika, AL 36801
5:30 P.M., January 10, 2024

1. **Public Comments from Citizens:** Limited to three minutes; there were no comments.
2. **Call to Order**
 - A. Vice-chair Adam Littleton called to order the regular meeting of the Lee County Planning Commission at 5:30 P.M., on January 10, 2024
3. **Invocation and prayer:** Kevin Flannagan gave the prayer and invocation.
4. **The Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-chair, Adam Littleton.
5. **Roll Call to Establish a Quorum**

Present: Adam Littleton, Kevin Flannagan, Joe Stokes, Josh Datnoff, Harold Whatley, John Wood, Richard Newton, Christine Berry and Sherri Cook.

Not present: Jason Flowers, Danielle Ritch

Others Present: Probate Judge Bill English; Commissioner Doug Cannon; Eric Parten, Chief Building Inspector; County Engineer Justin Hardee and Wendy Swann, Government Relations Coordinator.
6. **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the Sept. 13, 2023, meeting were approved unanimously.
7. **Old Business:**

Kevin Flannagan asked if there was an update on litigation with Mr. Hardee saying he would request one from Attorney Tutt Barrett if needed.
8. **New Business**
 - A. **Election of Officers for the 2024 Calendar Year**

Elections are held at the first meeting of the calendar year.

Chair: Kevin Flanagan was elected as chair. The vote was unanimous.

Vice-Chair: Adam Littleton was elected as Vice-Chair. The vote was unanimous.

Secretary: Harold Whatley was elected as Secretary. The vote was unanimous.

- B. Approval of Calendar Year 2024 Regular Meeting Dates: The dates are set at the first meeting of the calendar year. The Calendar was unanimously approved by Planning Commission members and will meet on: Tuesday, Feb. 13; March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11, October 9, November 13 and December 11. The dates will be available on the Lee County Planning Commission website at: <https://leecountyplanning.com/>.
- C. Discussion was held regarding if the Commission should consider moving its start time to 6 p.m. or keep it at the current 5:30 p.m. A motion was made by Joe Stokes and seconded by Sheri Cook to move the time to 6 p.m. The motion passed on a 6-2-1 vote.
- D. Ms. Cook requested that water be available at the meetings with Mr. Hardee saying that could be taken care.

9. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

**Next meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2024.

Lee County Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
CMD SGTMAJ Bennie Adkins Meeting Center
205 South 10th Street
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5:30 P.M., June 12, 2024

1. **Public Comments from Citizens:** Limited to three minutes; there were no comments.

2. **Call to Order**

A. Chair Kevin Flanagan called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

3. **Invocation and prayer:** Kevin Flanagan gave the prayer and invocation.

4. **The Pledge of Allegiance:**

5. **Roll Call to Establish a Quorum**

Present: Kevin Flannagan, Joe Stokes, Josh Datnoff, Harold Whatley, Christine Berry.

Not present: Adam Littleton, Sherri Cook, Richard Newton, John Wood

Others Present: Probate Judge Bill English; Attorney Tutt Barrett and Wendy Swann, Governmental Relations Coordinator.

*Chairman Flanagan announced the resignation of Jason Flowers thereby creating a quorum of 5 out of 9 members.

6. **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from Jan. 10, 2024, were approved unanimously.

7. **Old Business:**

There was no old business.

8. **New Business**

A. **Application for Special Exception Use on Highway 29**

A request for special exception use was presented by Andrew Howard. Mr Howard would like to build The Drop Zone, an airsoft and paintball a recreational business located at 6025 US Hwy 29N in Opelika. Mr. Howard stated the paintball area would only be open on Saturdays and Sundays.

The application was approved unanimously.

B. Application for Special Exception Use on Lee Road 270

A request for a special exception use was presented by Brenda Hadnett and Gregory Butts. Ms. Hadnett and Mr. Butts would like to create B&G RV Lots at 296 Lee Road 270 in Cusseta in the Beulah community. The eight lots will all have water, sewer and power hookups and will include privacy fencing around the property.

The application was approved unanimously.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

**Next meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10, 2024.

Lee County Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
Bennie Adkins Meeting Center
205 South 10th Street
Opelika, AL 36801
5 P.M., December 9, 2024

1. **Public Comments from Citizens:** Limited to three minutes; there were no comments.
2. **Call to Order**
 - A. Chair Kevin Flannagan called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.
3. **Invocation and prayer:** Richard Newton gave the prayer and invocation.
4. **The Pledge of Allegiance:**
5. **Roll Call to Establish a Quorum**

Present: Kevin Flannagan, John Wood, Harold Whatley, Richard Newton, Josh Datnoff, Christine Berry.

Not present: Adam Littleton, Sherri Cook, Joe Stokes

Others Present: Attorney Richard Davis
6. **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from June 12, 2024, were approved unanimously.
7. **Old Business:**

There was no old business.
8. **New Business**
 - A. **Application for Special Exception Use – Gracie’s Place**

Stacey Barnes and Brenda Robinson were present and both spoke on their intention for Gracie’s Place. The 34-acre site will be Primitive camping only, and they intend to follow all state and county rules and guidelines as well work with state of Georgia on the water way. They stated Gracie’s Place will welcome all to camp and enjoy the water way. The project came to them as a memorial to their daughter that passed away at a young age and they hope it will bring many families together to enjoy this land with them. The site has one neighbor that borders this property and supports this project.

The application was approved unanimously.

9. Executive Session

Richard Newton made a motion to move into Executive Session which was seconded by Josh Datnoff. The motion passed unanimously.

Upon return from Executive Session, Richard Newton made a motion to accept the Resolution of Lawsuit. Josh Datnoff seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. All members present signed the settlement agreement.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, Kevin Flannagan called for adjournment.