

Morgan County Planning Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
October 25, 2016  
Morgan County Commission Meeting Chambers

I. OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened at 7:05 p.m.

Members present: Jack Soronen, Eric LaRue, Scott Swaim, Robert White, George Didawick, Lori Hansroth, Susan Parker, Justin Andrews.

Members absent: Wayne Omps, Robert Ford, Carl Cowgill.

Others present: Alma Gorse, Scott Longstreth, P.E. with Arro Consulting.

II. MEETING MINUTES

On an E. LaRue/L. Hansroth motion, the Planning Commission unanimously approved the August 23, 2016 meeting minutes.

On a S. Swaim/E. LaRue motion, the Planning Commission unanimously approved the September 27, 2016 meeting minutes.

III. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVISSION UPDATE

Approval of Draft Plan for public comment  
Scheduling of Public hearing

Planning Commission President J. Soronen opened the discussion by explaining the West Virginia State Code requirements for the public comment period and scheduling of a public hearing. There is a 30 day publication requirement for the scheduling of the public hearing. The draft plan has been reviewed by the Comprehensive Plan committee and staff is now working with J. Soronen on grammar corrections that will be completed by early next week (end of October).

Mr. Soronen requested that the Board consider accepting the draft once all corrections have been made so staff can move forward with the advertising of the public hearing. The final draft will be available for public review by next week.

Staff had forwarded the Goals and Objective sections of each chapter to the Board members prior to the meeting for their review and comments.

Staff had reported that Scott Longstreth, with ARRO Consulting, has completed their revision on the Land Use and Population Chapters, along with the updating of all the maps.

Topics of discussion by the Board:

- Public Services Chapter: Recommend a continued effort to improve GPS/addressing capability for the area;
- Regulation of the placement of cell towers and wind farms;
- Current “hot” topics for the press are the natural gas pipeline and requirements for the placement of stop lights and the preparation of these topics being discussed by the public.

The group agreed that the Goals and Objectives are broad in nature and do not focus on specific topics. This allows more flexibility for the county should a project be considered in the future.

On a S.Parker/R. White motion, the Planning Commission agreed to accept the draft Comprehensive Plan as amended and finalized. Motion carried.

Staff had recommended that the next regular meeting of the Planning Commission be scheduled for December 6, 2016 for this date will meet the 30 advertising requirements for the public comment period.

On a R. White/S. Swaim motion, the combined November/December meeting for the Planning Commission will be on December 6, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

#### IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.