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MINUTES
HABERSHAM COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Public Hearing
Tuesday, September 2, 2025

The Habersham County Planning Commission held a public hearing on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at the Habersham County Courthouse, located at 295 Llewellyn St. in Clarkesville, Georgia.

Planning Commission Members Present: Greg Hill, Larry Phillips, D. Higgins, Richard Thornton, Jessie Owensby, Jim Kiger, & Jason Smith.

Also present was Mike Beecham, Planning & Development Director, & Troy Dills, Planning & Development Assistant Director.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairman D. Higgins called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Commissioner Jessie Owensby.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approved without change.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Approved without change.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

CU-25-03: Brooklyn Ward is seeking a Conditional Use to be allowed to operate a Dog Kennel/Boarding Facility on their property. The tract is located at 383 Dixon Rd. and is further identified as Map 022 Parcel 079.

Before the proposal could be discussed it had to first be untabled.

A motion was then made by Commissioner Richard Thornton to untable **CU-25-03**.

It was seconded by Commissioner Jim Kiger. All were in favor.

The results of the votes were as follows:

Commissioner Greg Hill – Yea
Commissioner Jim Kiger – Yea
Commissioner Richard Thornton – Yea

Commissioner Larry Phillips – Yea
Commissioner Jessie Owensby – Yea
Commissioner Jason Smith – Yea

After the proposal was presented, the applicant was given a chance to speak, which she waived due to it being discussed at the previous Planning Commission meeting.

Since there was no one in attendance in opposition to the proposal, public comment was then closed so the Planning Commission could discuss the proposal and vote.

Commissioner Jason Smith then made a motion to approve CU-25-03 with the following conditions.

- There shall be a maximum of only (2) breeding dogs.
- There shall be a maximum of only (8) adult dogs limited to (4) per structure.
- All setbacks will need to be met.
- A privacy fence must be installed.
- There shall be no exterior lighting.

It was seconded by Commissioner Richard Thornton.

The motion carried by a 5-1 margin. The results of the votes were as follows:

Commissioner Greg Hill – Nay
Commissioner Jim Kiger – Yea
Commissioner Richard Thornton – Yea

Commissioner Larry Phillips – Yea
Commissioner Jessie Owensby – Yea
Commissioner Jason Smith – Yea

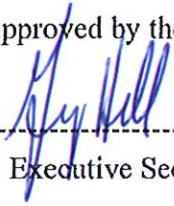
NEW BUSINESS: None.

REPORTS TO COMMISSION: None.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.

As approved by the Habersham County Planning Commission:



Executive Secretary

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Date