The regular monthly meeting of the Merrick County Joint Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Starostka at 7:02 p.m. Tuesday April 7, 2016 in the Hearing Room at the courthouse in Central City. Upon roll call, those attending were Staroskta, Gamblin, Riblett, Wichmann, Hannappel, Ferris, Wiegert, and Friedrichsen. Not present Robinson. Also present, Jen Myers, Zoning Administrator. Notice of meeting was printed in the Central City and Palmer Papers. Notice of this meeting was delivered to the Chairperson and members prior to the meeting. Open meeting notice procedures were presented by Starostka. Meeting minutes were available for review ten days prior to the meeting.

Board welcomes Liz Gamblin, the new Village of Chapman representative.

Ferris motions to retain Starostka and Wiegert in their current positions as Chair and Vice Chair respectively. Wichmann seconds the motion. With roll call motion carries 8-0.

Ferris motions to elect Friedrichsen Secretary. Hannappel seconds the motion. With roll call motion carries 8-0.

Minutes are presented. Wichmann motions to approve January 2016 minutes. Wiegert seconds the motion. With roll call motion carries 8-0.

Ferris motions to open public hearing for Merrick County Zoning and Subdivision regulations. Wichmann seconds the motion. With roll call motion carries 8-0. Public hearing opened at 7:15. Myers present information about the negative secondary effects in regards to Adult Entertainment Establishments. A handout was provided to the Board to indicate multiple judicial rulings about the negative secondary effects including personal and property crimes, public safety, lewdness, public indecency, illicit drug use, and trafficking, litter, aesthetic impacts, traffic, noise, and blight. Different cases were highlighted. Myers stated there have been no other changes to the previously presented regulations and the new 8.11 will be incorporated into the previous presented document. Due the County Board closing their public hearing in February and not voting, these new regulations had to be presented to the Planning and Zoning commission again for their recommendation back to the County Board.

Ferris motions to close the public hearing. Riblett seconds the motion. With roll call motion carries 8-0. Public hearing closes at 7:40 p.m.

Wiegert motions to approve the Merrick County Zoning and Subdivision Regulations and recommend approval to the Merrick County Board of Supervisors. Riblett seconds the motion. With roll call motions carries 8-0.

Wichmann motions to open the public hearing for the proposed Zoning Amendment to section 9.21 in the Villages of Chapman, Palmer, and Silver Creek regulations. Wiegert seconds the motion. With roll call motion carries 8-0. Public hearing opens 7:45 p.m.

Myers stated to the Board that since the Villages had already passed their Zoning Regulations the changes needed for 9.21 would be as an amendment. Myers stated the same negative secondary effects apply to the Villages as they do for rural Merrick County. The previous presented information is used for the rational to regulate Adult Entertainment Establishments within the Villages of Merrick County. The proposed zoning amendment was presented in writing to the Board.

Wiegert motions to close public hearing. Wichmann seconds the motion. With roll call motions carries 8-0. Public hearing closed at 7:52 p.m.

Hannappel motions to approve the Chapman Zoning amendment 9.21 and recommend approval to the Chapman Village Board. Wiegert seconds the motion. With roll call motions carries 8-0.

Ferris motions to approve the Palmer Zoning amendment 9.21 and recommend approval to the Palmer Village Board. Wichmann seconds the motion. With roll call motions carries 8-0.

Riblett motions to approve the Silver Creek Zoning amendment 9.21 and recommend approval to the Silver Creek Village Board. Wiegert seconds the motion. With roll call motions carries 8-0.

No public comment.

Starostka adjourns meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Next meeting May 26, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.