

March 23, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Merrick County Joint Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Starostka at 7:05 p.m. Thursday March 23, 2017 in the Hearing Room at the courthouse in Central City. Upon roll call, those attending were Starostka, Gamblin, Riblett, Wichmann, and Robinson. Not present Wiegert, Ferris, Hannappel, and Friedrichsen. 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.

Riblett motions to approve the April 7, 2016 meeting minutes as written. Gamblin seconds the motion. With roll call motion carries 5-0.

Robinson motions to open the public hearing for the purposes of changes to Livestock Regulations 8.09 to include new definitions. Public hearing opens at 7:08 p.m.

Myers presented the proposed new regulations and definitions to include adding the matrix to Classes IIA and IIB permits. She stated when the regulations were passed last year, Mr. Marvin the consultant changed the numbers we had discussed from 5000 to 2500 head in the table of the regulations but not in the text of the regulations. So at the recommendation of the County Attorney it was recommended we readopt those regulations. In addition, Myers stated she had met with a subcommittee in Hall County who is looking at their livestock regulations. As a result of that meeting there was additional definitions that she thought would be beneficial to Merrick County's regulations to include working to environmental controlled housing, hoop house, and livestock siting matrix. Myers also did a brief explanation of the Livestock Siting Matrix. She stated Dodge County has adopted the matrix. Hall County is looking at adoption with a few minor changes, along with a few other counties taking it under consideration. Myers also presented an email that was sent to her from Brenda Vanleer. Dennis Jarecke, Nance County Board Member asked if adding the matrix would change our livestock friendly regulations. Myers felt, in her opinion being a contributing writer of the matrix, that it would not. She stated that it would just make the process a producer has to go through to get sited more transparent to the public. The Board felt this is a very good document that would help our regulations and not hinder them.

Robinson motions to recommend approval of the Livestock Regulations 8.09 to include the definitions as presented to the Merrick County Board of Supervisors. Wichmann seconds the motion. With roll call, motion carries 5-0.

Robison motions to close the public hearing. Gamblin seconds the motion. With roll call motion carries 5-0. Public hearing closes at 7:50.

No public comment.

Starostka adjourns meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Next meeting April 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.