

*Jasper County Planning Commission
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**Minutes of the March 11, 2025
Regular Scheduled Meeting**

Members Present: Mr. Alex Pinckney, Chairman; Dr. Debora Butler, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Thomas Jenkins; Mr. Lee Gramling; Mr. Randy Waite. **Members Absent:** Dr. Earl Bostick, Sr.; Ms. Sharon Ferguson.

Staff Present: Ms. Lisa Wagner and Ms. Tara Hayes

Others Present: Mr. David Murphy, Code Enforcement; Ms. Lasherah King, Business License Office

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act the electronic and print media were notified. During periods of discussion and/or presentations minutes are typically condensed and paraphrased. The recorded version is available online at: <https://www.youtube.com/@jcmedia6537/streams>

Call to Order: Chairman Pinckney brought the meeting to order at approximately 4:02 p.m.

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance: Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was given by Mr. Jenkins.

Approval of Agenda: Mr. Jenkins moved to approve the Agenda as published, seconded by Dr. Butler. The Commission Members voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Approval of February 11, 2025, Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes: Mr. Jenkins moved to approve the Minutes of February 11, 2025, seconded by Dr. Butler. The Commission Members voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

New Business:

Road Name Petition – Next Chapter Neighborhood: Ms. Wagner read the staff report and displayed the layout of the road names and the current Master Plan map for Next Chapter Neighborhood. There was discussion about Building Permits, location and surrounding development, and the name of subdivision. **Dr. Butler moved to approve the Road Name Petition – Next Chapter Neighborhood, seconded by Mr. Waite. The Commission Members voted unanimously in favor of the motion.**

Discussion:

Discussion of Road Naming Ordinance: Ms. Wagner shared her knowledge of the departments that have been involved in naming roads, shared the State Law and the County Ordinance for naming roads, and made a recommendation of what she would change in the County Ordinance. There was discussion about the need for naming roads before permits can be issued, the method for assigning numbers, how citizens are notified, concurrence, owner versus beneficial owner, standards for street signs, register of mesne conveyance, and color-coding road signs. **Mr. Waite moved to make a recommendation to County Council to assign different street sign colors for State, County, and Private Roads; seconded by Dr. Butler. The Commission Members voted unanimously in favor of the motion.**

There was discussion about changing the method of assigning addresses for subdivisions, the cost involved in changing the current signs, and addresses for cemeteries,

2024 Annual Reports: Ms. Wagner gave a description of the reports presented. There was discussion about what fees go back to the applicant, permit requirements for fences, valuation of mobile homes, difference in Building Department numbers for 2024 versus 2023, pricing of new manufactured homes, financing for new homes, and continuing education.

Open Discussion: There was discussion about development in the County, joint Planning Commission meeting with Hardeeville, development in Hardeeville, short-term rental regulations, RVs hooked up to residences, and Code Enforcement. Mr. David Murphy, Jasper County Code Enforcement Officer, came forward to speak to the County Ordinances and how his office enforces those ordinances. There was discussion about abandoned RVs, access to properties with fences, setting up a Code Enforcement workshop, and moving the date of the April Meeting. **Mr. Jenkins moved to change the date of the April Meeting from April 8th to April 15th, seconded by Mr. Waite. The Commission Members voted unanimously.**

Adjourn: Mr. Jenkins moved to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Butler. The Commission Members voted unanimously in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tara Hayes