

August 22, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Merrick County Joint Planning Commission was called to order by Vice Chair Rutten at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, August 22, 2013 in Hearing Room at the courthouse in Central City. Upon roll call, those attending were Rutten, Ogden, Wiegert, Ohlman, Wichmann, and Ferris. Absent were Starostka, Robinson, and Beckstrom. Also present was Jen Myers, Planning Administrator. The meeting notice was published in both 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 Rutten. Meeting minutes were available for review ten days prior to the meeting.

Meeting minutes from the June 27, 2013 meeting were presented. Ogden had a few corrections. Wiegert moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Ohlman seconds the motion. With roll call, motion carries 6-0.

Ogden motions to open the Public Hearing for the Horvath Towers LLC Conditional Use application Ferris seconds the motion. With roll call motion carries 6-0. Public hearing opens at 8:02 p.m. Myers presented information regarding Horvath Towers LLC application. She informed the Board that the tower, 230' in height, meets setback regulations in addition to all the other requirements of the application. Rich Kotite, representative of Horvath Towers, indicated they have not been federally approved for this tower yet. They have signed leases from the property owner in which the tower will be placed. Mr. Kotite stated they will not be able to build the tower until their federal approval is received. Ohlman motions to recommend approval of the conditional use application, with the condition they will not start building until they have federal approval, to the Village Board of Chapman. Ogden motions to close the public hearing. Wichmann seconds the motions. With roll call motion carries 6-0. Public hearing closes 8:15 p.m.

Myers presented the Fredrick small tract subdivision. She stated the deed for this property already was filed with the Register of Deeds due to the owners and attorney not understanding the process for completing such subdivision. Myers explained that this would be the second subdivision of the quarter, therefore, leaving no other subdivisions available. Wiegert motions to approve the subdivision and recommend approval the County Board of Supervisors. Ogden seconds the motion. With roll call motions carries 6-0.

Myers stated she has not heard back on the NIFA grant application. She also informed the Board that would be going to a pipeline discussion the next day with Zoning Regulations being proposed for Keystone XL pipeline. She handed the board a copy of the regulations they will be addressing in the meeting and stated she would email all board members an electronic copy of them.

No public comment.

Next meeting September 26, 2013

Rutten adjourns meeting at 8:45 p.m.