**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**February 15th, 2024**

**5:30 P.M.**

Calhoun County Planning Commission held its regular meeting on Thursday, February 15th, 2024.

The following were present:

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| **Planning Commission Members** | **Staff** |
| Barry Hill, Chairman | John McLauchlin, County Administrator |
| Josh Rabon  Ron Chestnut | Amanda Sievers, Planning and Grants Director  Dana Whaler, Permit Technician |
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|  | **Guests** |
|  | John Gardner, Gardner Planning Services, LLC  Tombo Milliken, Applicant |
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**Call to Order**

Chairman Barry Hill called the meeting to order at 5:44 pm

**Approval of Minutes**

Josh Rabon approved minutes from the January 18th meeting and it was second by Ron Chestnut. *The minutes from 01/18/2024 meeting were approved unanimously by the Commission.*

**New Business**

*The consideration of a request from Tombo Milliken to rezone property at 494 Old Sandy Run rd. TMS# 021-00-00-012*

Chairman Hill called on Amanda Sievers to provide the staff report.

Ms. Sievers explained the current zoning of the property 021-00-00-012, Rural Neighborhood, Community Commercial and Industrial and then proceeded to explain how the owners of the property would like to rezone it, Community Commercial and Industrial. She also stated staff is in support of the request to rezone.

**Public Hearing**

Chairman Hill opened the floor for public comments.

Tombo Milliken, representative of the property owners, explained to the Commission why he thought it would be a good idea to change the zoning. He stated he was unsure of the future use of the property. Multiple citizens of the Sandy Run area had many concerns of the rezoning. Some stated they were concerned with the traffic issues this would cause, and comments about protecting the rural life. Another citizen stated that if it is used for industrial, it could contaminate the ponds and creeks near the property. There was also a concern for the old home located on the property that could possibly be historical.

Chairman Hill called for a motion for the recommendation of the rezoning request for property at 429 Old Sandy Run Rd, TMS# 021-00-00-012 from Rural Neighborhood, Community Commercial and Industrial to Community Commercial and Industrial. A motion was made by Mr.Hill to deny the request. A second was not established. Mr. Chestnut motioned to table the request, and it was seconded by Mr. Rabon. *The Commission voted unanimously to table the request until the next meeting.* The item will be revisited under Old Business at the next meeting.

**Old Business**

Ms. Sievers stated the final draft elements for the updated 2024 Comprehensive Plan have been posted on the county website. She stated there is a survey that citizens can view and submit online, and comments will be reviewed by county staff.

**Staff Updates**

There were no updates given by staff.

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Chestnut and seconded by Mr. Rabon. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Dana Whaler