

**GEORGETOWN-SCOTT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MINUTES**

**December 17, 2002**

A special meeting was held in the Scott County Fiscal Courtroom on December 17, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. Present were Chairperson Sara Sutton, Commissioners Barry Brock, Pete Gritton, Robert Hopkins, William Peters, and John Sharpe, Planning Director Kelley Klepper, Planner Rachel Phillips, Engineer Brad Frazier, and Attorney Charlie Perkins. Absent were Commissioners Omer Lee and Elizabeth Williams.

David Kenley was sworn in as a new Planning Commissioner to replace James Thomason.

Discussion of Building Inspection Department being under supervision of Planning Director

Judge George Lusby outlined the request and three conditions: Building Inspection Department including its effects on the City, Kelley, and the Planning Commission. He also noted the request must be voted on and approved by the City, County, and the Planning Commission. He considered what is best for all involved and supported the request.

Mayor Varney outlined Lyndon Howard's resignation and the void created in the Building Department. He explained that the Building Department is a City department but jointly funded. He appointed Dennis Morris as the interim Chief Building Inspector and outlined a letter to Chairperson Sutton from Kelley Klepper and his own cover letter to City Council.

Vice-Chairperson John Sharpe outlined his concerns about how the change will impact the Planning Commission, specifically GIS, the Comprehensive Plan, and the Cluster Regulations.

Chairperson Sutton outlined her concerns about the impact to the Planning Commission. She requested that all responsibilities be put in writing.

Commissioner Brock supported the request, stating it is a "golden opportunity." He pointed out the positives that will result with the re-alignment.

Commissioner Gritton supported the concept and outlined possible flaws in the current system. He felt that the proposed system of being under one umbrella would be better.

Commissioner Peters was concerned about job descriptions. He felt that current problems are due to a lack of follow-up with the Building Department and that a chart of job responsibilities should be made. He had concerns about the request and wished to keep the system "as is."

Commissioner Hopkins noted problems with the Building Department and wondered where the Planning Commission fit in with their daily operation.

City Councilwoman Karen Tingle-Sames asked why more money and a larger department are needed. She was against the proposal, stating that too many costs are associated with it.

City Councilman Bias Tilford was against the proposal.

Murray Riffie questioned the comments that had been made against the Building Department, and supports it and its inspectors. He expressed concerns about the proposal and likes the current setup.

Roy Cornett felt there is a breakdown in communications and someone is needed with knowledge of the codes.

Jerry Richardson opposed the request. He outlined concerns including moving legal responsibilities to the County Attorney and questioned the Planning Commission's involvement with the Building Department. He read a letter from Mrs. and Mrs. Vice.

Margaret Christiansen asked several questions regarding the proposal.

Kelley Klepper outlined the proposal and his letter. He also answered questions regarding the proposed realignment and noted other communities with similar frameworks.

Charlie Perkins stated that an interlocal agreement and job descriptions are needed. He outlined the approval process for an interlocal agreement including DAG. He stated that the approval can be done in principal.

Rob Johnson inquired as to how the Building and Electrical Departments are set up. Judge Lusby explained how they are City, County, and joint departments.

Magistrate Isaacs wished to have the needed documents in place before voting.

Judge Lusby reviewed how the request got to this point and the options for taking action.

Councilman Tilford wished to vote on the matter.

Mayor Varney asked for a motion. Councilman Thompson made a motion for approval. There was no second.

Councilman Lusby asked about the hiring of a Chief Building Official vs. a Building Official. Commissioner Brock outlined the required certifications for a Chief Building Official.

Jerry Richardson had concerns about the budget.

Steve Price suggested trying to re-hire Mr. Howard.

Councilman Thompson withdrew his motion.

Dave Loney suggested hiring someone with good administrative and building skills.


John Goble wished to iron out the questions and report back at the first meeting in January.

Chairperson Sutton also wished to iron out the details.

**Motion was made by Councilperson Goble and seconded by Councilman Thompson to table the matter until the first January meeting. Motion carried 4-3 with Goble, Jenkins, Lusby and Thompson in favor, and with Sames, Wallace and Tilford dissenting.**

The Planning Commission automatically tabled the matter to January.

Respectfully,



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Sara Sutton, Chairperson

Attest:



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Charlie Perkins, Secretary