

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF STOKES)
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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS
STOKES COUNTY GOVERNMENT
DANBURY, NORTH CAROLINA
TUESDAY APRIL 3, 2018

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Stokes, State of North Carolina, met for a regular session (Planning) in the Commissioners' Chambers of the Ronald Wilson Reagan Memorial Building (Administration Building) located in Danbury, North Carolina on Tuesday April 3, 2018 at 6:00 pm with the following members present:

Chairman Ronnie Mendenhall
Vice Chairman Jimmy Walker
Commissioner James D. Booth
Commissioner Ronda Jones
Commissioner Ernest Lankford

County Personnel in Attendance:
County Manager Jake M. Oakley
Clerk to the Board Shannon Shaver
Planning Director David Sudderth

Chairman Mendenhall called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Jones delivered the invocation.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Mendenhall invited those in attendance to join the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Mendenhall entertained a motion to approve or amend the April 3rd Agenda.
Commissioner Jones moved to approve the April 3rd Agenda as presented.

Vice Chairman Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Mendenhall opened the floor for public comments.

There were no public comments.

Chairman Mendenhall closed the time for public comments.

Chairman Mendenhall read a request from AT&T Mobility's Attorney, Karen Kemerait to place this request on hold.

REQUEST BY APPLICANT TO PLACE REZONING APPLICATION ON HOLD

AT&T Mobility has requested through their attorney, Karen Kemerait that their rezoning petition for a telecommunication tower, (#18-125) be placed on hold. The Stokes County Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend the applicants request to place their application on hold be approved.

Planning Director David Sudderth commented:

- The request was received after the meeting was advertised.
- Therefore the Agenda had to be created and the meeting held.
- They have requested this to look for an alternate site due to concerns from citizens about this location.

Chairman Mendenhall opened the floor for discussion/comments/questions:

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- This seems rather unusual.
- I cannot recall this happening before.
- Is this mostly because of citizen opposition?

Planning Director David Sudderth responded:

- It has happened many year ago, possibly before you were on the Board.
- I suppose this is mainly due to concern from citizens, the Hanging Rock Advisory Board, and my recommendation.
- We aren't trying to discourage telecommunications.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Did they give any indication of a timeline for this?

Planning Director David Sudderth responded:

- They are looking for alternate sites.
- They will need to go through this same process.
- If this one comes back up again I will request they help pay the advertising cost.
- The cost to advertise is extreme and do not want this to cost the County more money.

With no further discussion Commissioner Jones made a motion to accept the request of AT&T Mobility's attorney, Karen Kemerait that their rezoning petition for a telecommunication tower, (#18-125) be placed on hold. Vice Chairman Walker seconded and with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Mendenhall entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Booth moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Shannon Shaver
Clerk to the Board

Ronnie Mendenhall
Chairman