

MINUTES
 MONROE COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
 JULY 11, 2013

The regular meeting of the Monroe County Regional Planning Commission was held on Thursday, July 11, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the Boardroom of the J.P. Kennedy Building.

Members Present	Members Absent	Others Present
Allen Cansler	Brent Cofer	Laura Smith
Doyle Cardin	Bill Howe	Greg Altum, Press
Gary Hamilton	Bill Shadden	
Kenny Hamilton	Sam Stamey	
Kyle Holder		

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Secretary, Kyle Holder called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. The minutes of the April 4, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Allen Cansler seconded by Kenny Hamilton.

ANNUAL REVIEW

There was a discussion of a proposed work program for 2013-2014. The planning commission discussed working on a land use plan, and Planner, Laura Smith stated that she could begin one, but that they take a while to complete. The planning commission discussed potential reasons for even beginning a land use plan such as: being in a better position to apply for community grants, interest in working on a plan, participation and time that would be required to complete one. Doyle Cardin suggested looking at soils maps, contours and boundaries of the planning commissions' jurisdiction to aid in making the decision whether to embark on a plan. There was consensus that soils maps would tell a lot about the amount of land that was suitable for subdivision and development. Ms. Smith stated that she would get a map produced and bring it to the next meeting. She was also asked to bring a map of the county that showed the county's planning region.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Ms. Smith showed the planning commission the new Planning Department website which is now live. There were favorable comments of the site.

TRAINING UPDATE

There was a reminder of the TDEC training opportunity on July 29th or July 30th. Mr. Cansler volunteered to drive the van to one of the training opportunities. Ms. Smith also reported that there would be training on Monday, August 26th in the boardroom and the facilitator would be John Lamb, the Blount County Planning Director. Mr. Lamb will be presenting training on "Planning Commissions and Legal Framework."

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

 Chairman

 Date

 Secretary