

**King & Queen County
Planning Commission Minutes
December 4, 2023**

The King & Queen County Planning Commission met on Monday, December 4, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the King & Queen County Courts and Administrations Building in the General District Courtroom for their regular monthly meeting.

Planning Commission Members Present:

Michael Flemming	Comer Jackson
Milton Watkins	David Campbell
Hunter Richardson	Barry Allen
Jonathan Massey	

Also in Attendance:

Vivian Seay, County Attorney/County Administrator
Donna Elliott Sprouse, Director of Community Development

Call to Order

Chairman, Mr. Richardson called the meeting to order.

Roll Call/Determination of Quorum

Mr. Campbell took roll call and determined that a quorum was present.

Welcome Newly Appointed Member, Jonathan Massey, Buena Vista District

Mr. Richardson welcomed newly appointed Planning Commission Member, Jonathan Massey. Mr. Massey is a representative from the Buena Vista District. Mr. Richardson asked Mr. Massey to introduce himself to the Commission. Mr. Massey noted that he lived in the Mattaponi area of King & Queen. He noted that he is a long-time resident of the County and hopes it stays that way. Mr. Richardson noted that should Mr. Massey have any questions along the way, to feel free to ask the Commission or staff. Mr. Richardson noted that he was sure that staff had advised him of the certification training requirements.

Election of Officers for 2024

Mr. Richardson asked if there were any nominations for Secretary. Mr. Watkins nominated Mr. Campbell as Secretary, seconded by Mr. Fleming.

Voting For: Watkins, Fleming, Massey, Jackson, Richardson, Allen, Campbell
Voting Against: None

Abstain: None

Mr. Richardson asked if there were any nominations for Vice Chair. Mr. Richardson noted that though Mr. Coleman was not present tonight, he did message him and Mr. Coleman agreed to serve again, if reappointed. A nomination was made by Mr. Watkins to have Mr. Coleman serve as Vice-Chair, seconded by Mr. Allen.

Voting For: Watkins, Fleming, Massey, Jackson, Richardson, Allen, Campbell

Voting Against: None

Abstain: None

Mr. Richardson asked if there were any nominations for Chair. A nomination was made by Mr. Watkins to have Mr. Richardson serve as Chair, seconded by Mr. Fleming.

Voting For: Watkins, Fleming, Massey, Jackson, Richardson, Allen, Campbell

Voting Against: None

Abstain: None

Mr. Richardson asked if there were any nominations for Clerk. A nomination was made by Mr. Watkins to have Mrs. Sprouse serve as Clerk, seconded by Mr. Fleming.

Voting For: Watkins, Fleming, Massey, Jackson, Richardson, Allen, Campbell

Voting Against: None

Abstain: None

Approval of Minutes September 5, 2023

After review of the minutes, a motion was made by Mr. Jackson to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Watkins.

Voting For: Watkins, Fleming, Jackson, Richardson, Allen, Campbell

Voting Against: None

Abstain: Massey

September 25, 2023

After review of the minutes, a motion was made by Mr. Fleming to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Campbell.

Voting For: Fleming, Richardson, Allen, Campbell

Voting Against: None

Abstain: Massey, Jackson, Watkins

Citizens Comment Period

Mr. Richardson opened the floor for citizens comment period.

Hearing none, citizens comment period was closed.

New Business

None

Old Business

None.

Staff's Comments

Mrs. Sprouse reminded the Commission that they will soon be receiving their real estate disclosure forms for 2024 and informed them that they are due by February 1st. She asked that they please be sure to turn those in prior to the deadline.

Mrs. Sprouse noted that Nutrien Ag Solutions has submitted a revised site plan, addressing VDH and DEQ's prior site plan comments. She noted that it was possible that the site plan may be ready for public hearing prior to their January meeting. If that should be the case, she will set the public hearing on behalf of the Commission to ensure compliance with state statute regarding the timeline in which the request must be heard.

Ms. Seay provided the Commission with an update regarding the following:

- KQ Telework Center contract has been awarded and will soon start ground breaking.
- King & Queen County Library will be closed in January for transitioning to take place from the Pamunkey Regional Library. She noted that the positions have been fully staffed by Erin Lazar and Jesse Kelley.
- King & Queen County's new website and briefly reviewed where to find minutes, agendas, and meeting packets as they are available.
- Terms of the Commission will run through the end of the year (December 31st) and staggered as per state statute.

Commissioner's Comments

Mr. Richardson asked Ms. Seay if this was a time for the Commission to suggest policy or changes to ordinances that may have come from the Strategic Planning Meeting held with the Board and EDA.

Ms. Seay noted that this could be a time for that, though she would prefer to create the framework of any proposed text amendment and/or ordinance for form, then bring it to the Commission for review/revisions. She noted two items that she would like to see addressed are solar farms and data centers. Unlike solar farms, data centers do not require a lot of land area and brings in a large amount of revenue to the county, with little to no expense.

Mr. Allen wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Jackson welcomed Mr. Massey to the Commission.

Mr. Campbell welcomed Mr. Massey to the Commission and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr. Watkins echoed Mr. Campbell's comments.

Mr. Fleming welcomed Mr. Massey and congratulated members of the Commission that were elected as officers for the 2024 year.

Mr. Richardson thanked the Commission for their vote of confidence to serve as Chair once again. He noted that he was looking forward to working with the new Board of Supervisors and Ms. Seay, as well as the EDA. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Adjournment

Mr. Richardson noted that the next meeting is set for Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 6 p.m., unless otherwise cancelled.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Watkins to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned by all present members stating "Aye".

Hunter Richardson, Chairman