

**Adams County Planning & Zoning Meeting
July 16, 2012 7:30 p.m.
Adams County Courthouse**

Present

Christy Ward
Brad Dreyer
Bill Shore
Steve Ryals
Donna Campbell
Don Horton
Pam Murphy
Penny Fisk

Absent

Jeff Batten
Jerry Lee
Micki Eby
Rich Laine

Guests

Chairman Christy Ward called the regular meeting of the Adams County Planning Commission to order at 7:32 p.m. on July 16, 2012 in the courtroom in the Adams County Courthouse.

Chairman Ward reviewed the discussion on enforcement of ordinances that was held last month and asked if anyone had any new information to add. No one did.

Don Horton explained to commission members that the current Adams County Ordinances do not contain a definition of “Prime Agricultural Land” which the state is requiring counties to develop. He stated his opinion that using the production history of the land might be the best way to define prime agricultural land in Adams County. Various commission members expressed their concerns that Adams County did not have any true prime agricultural land because of a lack of water, the correct soil content, and a short growing season. The information that was sent out through the state was also reviewed. All were in agreement that the goal should be to protect existing agricultural land in Adams County. After more discussion, Brad Dryer moved that the existing text in Goal 1 on page 57 of the Comprehensive Plan be replaced with the wording “To encourage the protection of agricultural, forestry, and mining lands and land uses for production of food, fiber, and minerals, as well as the economic benefits they provide to the community”. Steve Ryals seconded the motion, which all members present voting in favor of the motion.

At the last several meetings commission members have been discussing the effects of lien holders foreclosing on sections of a subdivision, but not the whole subdivision. Commission members discussed several ideas as to how to address this issue. Brad Dryer moved that subsection d, on page 14 of the Subdivision Ordinance, be amended to add the statement “Certification and Signatures of all person and or persons having title to the land and any person, persons or entity having security interest or liens on the land”. Steve Ryals seconded the motion which passed with all commission members present voting in favor of the motion.

Bill Shore moved that the minutes from the May 21, 2012 meeting be approved with one spelling correction. Steve Ryals seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

Don Horton told commission members that he did not have anything new for them.

The meeting ended at 8:35 pm. The next meeting will be on September 17, 2012 at 7:30 pm in the courtroom of the Adams County Courthouse.

Penny Fisk,
P&Z Secretary