

BALDWIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING - LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE
NOVEMBER 5, 2024
1601 North Columbia Street, Suite 220
5:00 PM

MINUTES

PRESENT

John Westmoreland, Chairman
Kendrick Butts
Sammy Hall
Emily C. Davis
Henry Craig

OTHERS PRESENT

Dawn Hudson
Brandon Palmer
Cindy Cunningham
Bo Danuser
Steve Owens
Greg Mahan
Kelsey May
Taylor Pass

CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chairman John Westmoreland called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Hall stated the building codes were adopted in 1992 and needed updating. He further stated that a committee of 8 reviewed the Land Development Code and that the codes were updated to fit this day and time. He stated that the changes were not significant.

Building Official Greg Mahan addressed the commission and gave a report on the changes that were made to the code regarding subdivisions, he stated that most of the changes were for clarification; adding sidewalk requirements was the biggest change.

Building Official Steve Owens, addressed the commission and gave a report discussing the aesthetic requirements for commercial and industrial buildings.

There was a discussion about making the major corridors entering Baldwin County neater and enacting policies that encouraged development and having a good plan for all development.

There was a discussion about Section 16-49 (j) entitled Gated Subdivisions and whether or not county tax dollars should maintain public roads in gated subdivisions that limited access to the all citizens. There was a discussion about the time gated communities were opened to public access and times they were closed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people were recognized to address the Board:

Nikki Meeks of 146 Meeks Road stated that the county should not pay for private roads. She commented that there was no prayer at the beginning of this meeting. Ms. Meeks handed out

newspaper articles to commissioners. Ms. Meeks asked that the stop sign on Meek Road have blinking lights on it.

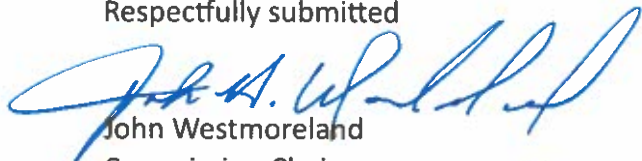
Desiree Liggins of 103 Pine Ridge Road read the definition of public streets and private roads. She stated that citizens should not pay to maintain private roads.

ADJOURNMENT

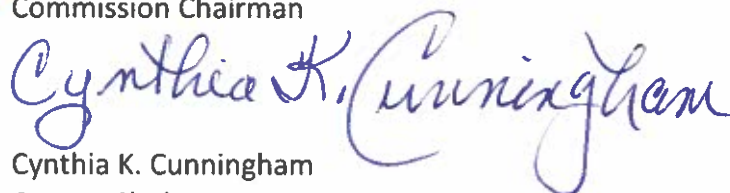
Commissioner Butts made a motion to adjourn at 5:28 PM. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted



John Westmoreland
Commission Chairman



Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk