

Owen County Advisory Plan Commission
Owen County Board of Commissioners
Owen County Board of Zoning Appeals

Joint Training Session-County Comprehensive Plan
Minutes-February 28, 2023

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner President Gary Burton, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board Members and Public sign in sheet are attached for permanent record. Mr. Burton related that this was a training session for the boards and that no public comment would be taken.

County Attorney Dana Kerr gave a brief review that this meeting was to receive information regarding the Plan.

K.K. Gerhart-Fritz began the session with providing a printout/guide for members related to the Plan and Training. The guide provided an overall view of the required process when implementing decisions for land use, rezonings, subdivisions, use variances, development standards variances, and conditional uses to be compliant. Two examples were created that allowed members to review scenarios and give input and understanding of the necessary steps for a rezoning and variance request. Included in the training was review of State Law, Local Law and Ordinances that are to be used during the decision-making processes by all the Director and Boards.

Her final comments were for Next Steps-Updating Zoning Ordinances and Subdivision Ordinances that are necessary to adopt and sync with the plan or you won't be successful achieving the County's future goals.

No Staff Reports were given.

Board Comments/Questions

Code Enforcement of the Plans and Ordinances are absolutely a must and should be spelled out specifically. It was agreed by all boards/members present that enforcement is needed and a missing step at this time.

Who-Law Enforcement? Ticket System? Fines? Citizen's eyes/ears? Provide incentives?

Offenders cause property values to be affected! If something isn't done and done soon; this County is going to become a landfill!

Based on the examples given it was asked what the definition of "Temporary" regarding RV/Campers and permanent dwellings?

It was asked what the difference between Condemned and Habitable was?

Commitment and Continued work on Ordinances-Goals was agreed by the Boards and will be addressed be each respectfully and with the County Attorney to make Owen County better.

Everyone thanked K.K. for her very informative presentation.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Norm Warner.