

Commission Minute Archive

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Minutes

Thellman called a special meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24, 2009 with all members present.

Thellman moved that the Board recess into executive session for 125 minutes returning at 5:15 p.m. on matters for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of nonelected personnel. The justification is to protect the privacy of the personnel involved. Attendees included: Craig Weinaug, County Administrator; and Pam Madl, Assistant County Administrator.

The Board returned to regular session at 5:15 p.m. No action was taken.

Thellman moved to recess until 6:35 p.m. Motion was seconded by Gaughan and carried unanimously.

Thellman called the regular session meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24, 2009 with all members present.

**PLANNING 06-24-09**

The Board considered the approval of CPA-3-2-09, a Comprehensive Plan Amendment for revisions to Horizon 2020 Chapter 4– Growth Management and Chapter 6 – Commercial Land Use to expand the possible locations of conference, recreation or tourism facility uses in the rural area. The CPA was requested by Rockwall Farms, LC and initiated by the Planning Commission on April 20, 2009. The applicant provided proposed text changes to Chapter 4 and Chapter 6 with their CPA request. Dan Warner, Lawrence-Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Staff, presented the item. Staff recommended approval of the CPA and the Joint Ordinance/Resolution.

Thellman opened the item for public comment.

Paul Werner, architect, stated staff felt comfortable with a mile separation from other existing similar facilities. He had also suggested a buffer of 500 ft.

Charlene Winter, 638 N 1800 Road, asked if the buffer area is open ground. Warner replied the intent is to maintain a natural buffer. It could be field area, berms or trees. The buffer could vary along each side of the property. Flory added the buffer would be addressed on the site plan.

Thellman moved to close public comment. Flory seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

It was the consensus of the Board to make the following amendments to the CPA: 1) making the 200 ft buffer to read “a mandatory minimum of 200 ft natural buffer area, or other appropriate distances as determined by the Board of County Commissioners”; 2) “separated from existing conference, recreation, or tourism facilities by at least 3 miles or other appropriate distance as determined by the Board of County Commissioners.”

Thellman moved to approve Joint Ordinance No. 8415 of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, and Resolution 08-21 of the Board of County Commissioners of Douglas County, Kansas approving amendments to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan “Horizon 2020” by amending Chapter Four – Growth Management and Chapter Six – Commercial Land Use with the above-listed amendments. Motion was seconded by Flory and carried unanimously.