

Planning and Zoning Meeting
04/19/2022
7:00 am Foster County Courthouse
Commissioner Room

At 7:00 am, Justin Topp called the Foster County Planning and Zoning Meeting to order. Roll call included Justin Topp, Jason Wolsky, Piet Van Bedaf, Cash Biel, Jon Johnson, David Utke, and Jason Jarrett (via phone). Also present were Eric Poppinga with Central Power Electric Cooperative, Inc. (via phone), Tax Equalization Director Karen Evans and Deputy Auditor Ellen Roundy.

The public hearing for Central Power Electric Cooperative, Inc. began at 7:00 am. Eric recapped the discussion had with Brad Solberg regarding the line and easements from landowners as one citizen had presented concerns. They will try to avoid as much farmland as possible. Timeline for completion is still in the planning stage, then design and engineering with construction potentially beginning in 2023. With no other questions, concerns, or discussion, Topp concluded the public hearing at 7:15 am. Biel made a motion to approve the conditional use permit for Central Power Electric Cooperative, Inc. seconded by Van Bedaf. All voted aye and the motion passed.

A regular meeting of the Foster County Planning and Zoning Board was then held. Discussion was had on County zoning map with Wolsky stating he is working with Interstate Engineering to update all maps and re-zoning on the city's side. There are concerns from a resident with setbacks for electrical on North Shore Boulevard and setback in general on North Shore Boulevard. The township has stated that North Shore Boulevard is not a road. Utke suggested reaching out to Aaron Birst for thoughts and recommendations. Evans will check with the planning and zoning administrators' group to see if someone has dealt with this situation. Karen has written and will prepare a public hearing at a later date for Crew camp ordinance. Evans also stated that she will continue to look into grain bin ordinances.

The tax equalization office has sent out building permits for Eric Johnson and Verizon for a tower with no further paperwork turned in.

Planning and zoning board terms are up in the year 2022. Evans asked all to consider staying on the board.

Evans brought four building permits to the Board for approval. They were for Gerald Nicholson, Cash Biel, Steve Wede, and Chuck Hoppe. Wolsky made a motion seconded by Utke to approve all permits. All voted aye and the motion passed. All building permits can be viewed in the Tax Equalization Office.

Discussion was had on moving towards an administrative approval process for conditional use permits from utilities (pipelines, power lines, etc.). The board decided to continue the process currently in place as it gives county residents an opportunity to be

heard and provides the county commissioners with better information when making decisions.

A building permit was sent to Joe and Angela Bolonchuck; it was not returned. Kyle Wetzel/Mariah Mertz were contacted about junk cars on their property; no response from them and no complaints from Wyard Township residences.

With no further business, Biel motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:37am, seconded by Van Bedaf. All voted aye, and meeting was adjourned.

Foster County Auditor