

MARION COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
JANUARY MEETING, JANUARY 23, 1992
Record of Proceedings

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sherwin Ammeter at 7:30 P.M.

All Planning Commission members were in attendance.

The County Commissioners, County Appraiser, and Planning Consultant David Yearout were also in attendance.

Visitors present were Matt Newhouse, Marion County Record, Steve Wilton, Hillsboro Star Journal, and county resident H.J. Sieger.

Minutes of the January 16, 1992 Planning Commission meeting were approved as read.

County Appraiser Max Hayen gave the Commission a demonstration of how the appraisers' computer system could be used for planning and zoning purposes.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the first draft of Article I, Definitions, of the proposed zoning regulations. The motion carried.

Discussion turned to the question of what direction does this Commission take in zoning development. Consultant Yearout stated part of his roll is to furnish the Commission with a zoning draft and items to debate from. The draft is a starting point. It may change as a result of public hearings or when it reaches the County Commissioners.

Discussion continued among Commission members with an exchange of possible zoning reasons and priorities. These reasons and priorities follow:

- . Protect property value
- . Make the county a better place to live
- . Zoning becomes acceptable when you see what's happening around us
- . If you leave everything unzoned, people do whatever they want
- . Agriculture is our main commodity. We need to protect that interest
- . We need a plan for non-agriculture development in the county
- . Some bad activities have started, zoning will prevent it's spread
- . Setbacks are needed
- . Controlled development of mobile home parks
- . The reservoir is a resource that needs protection
- . Controlled development of landfills
- . Zoning should allow the farmer to know ahead of time when a neighbor is attempting non-agriculture land use activity

Consultant Yearout next led the Commission through a "walk through" of Articles 2 through 20 of the proposed zoning regulations. The balance of the proposed zoning regulations are to be distributed to Commission members for their review prior to the February meeting.

No further business came before the Commission and the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

Charles Penner, Secretary

Sherwin Ammeter, Chairman
