

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARION COUNTY**

March 24, 2005

Commission met for a special work session with members of the Planning/Zoning Board at 6:00 p.m. in the District Courtroom. Those present were Chr. Hein, Commissioner Holub, Commissioner Dallke, Eileen Sieger, David Mueller, Bob Maxwell, Marquette Eilerts, Ervin Ediger, Willis Entz, Glen Unrau, David Brazil and Carol Maggard.

Chr. Hein opened the session noting that the meeting would last for one hour and there would be no public comments allowed.

David Brazil opened the discussion with a review of the statutes pertaining to Planning/Zoning. Specific statutes were reviewed as follows; K.S.A. 12-747, 12-753, 12-757 and 12-759. Brazil stated that James Kaup, Attorney, would be willing to discuss the statutes with the group if needed. Brazil stated the Comprehensive Plan basically directs where the County wants to go and gives direction on how to get there and the P/Z Regulations follow the direction of the Plan.

Commissioner Holub addressed the group primarily on two main points. Minimum acreage requirements do not necessarily fit all applications. He stated that more flexibility is needed and that each application should be addressed separately. They should also be user friendly. He asked that the road requirement of not more than 5 miles off a paved road be revisited. The County involvement would be rocking a road. All other utilities would be handled by the applicant. Any benefit to the County would in turn benefit school districts.

Commissioner Dallke thanked Planning/Zoning members for their efforts on the Board. He stated he was interested in the betterment of Marion County as a whole not just for a district. He supported Holub's comments concerning more flexibility and addressing each application on its own merit. He noted the importance of having an Agricultural Disclaimer on file with each application. The Comprehensive Plan should be reevaluated frequently. If County development is moving in the wrong direction, revisions can be made. A map of non-compliant AG, less than 40 acres, would be beneficial, in order to see where the lesser acreages are located.

Farmers deserve the right to sell their property to better themselves and yet not destroy AG ground. The primary reason for applications for home sites is the country living environment.

P/Z Board member Sieger voiced her concerns regarding the amount of money and volunteer hours that has already been spent on the Comprehensive Plan and the Regulations. Commissioners stated they were aware of the many hours involved as well as money, but were only asking for some specific changes not to re-write the entire Plan and Regulations.

Commissioners thanked everyone for attending and noted that another meeting would be scheduled which would allow for public comments. They asked for flexibility regarding the Comprehensive Plan and Regulations and to work together.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Bob Hein, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Carol A. Maggard, County Clerk

