



**MINUTES
MAY 15, 2017
8:30 A.M.
AIRPORT CONFERENCE CENTER**

STEPHENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT FOR MEETING: Chairman Debbie Whitlock, Commissioners Michelle Ivester, Dean Scarborough, Dennis Bell and Stanley London; County Clerk Beth Rider; County Administrator Phyllis Ayers; and County Attorney Brian Ranck

Chairman Debbie Whitlock called the meeting to order at 9:19 a.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ivester, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough to authorize Chairman to sign a resolution for a 90 day moratorium barring the acceptance of applications for a conditional use permits for poultry operations pursuant to the zoning regulations. **Motion carried unanimously.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Scarborough, seconded by Commissioner Bell to offer employee only coverage on all new hires effective immediately. **Motion carried unanimously.**

I. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Ivester, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough to adjourn meeting **Motion carried unanimously.**

Approved this 13th day of June, 2017



Debbie Whitlock, Chairman

Attest:



Beth Rider, County Clerk

A RESOLUTION BY THE STEPHENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR A MORATORIUM BARRING THE ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS FOR POULTRY OPERATIONS PURSUANT TO THE ZONING REGULATIONS OF STEPHENS COUNTY, GEORGIA

WHEREAS, the Zoning Regulations of Stephens County, Georgia (the “Ordinance”) was adopted on or about March 11, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Stephens County Board of Commissioners desires to take steps to ensure the uniformity and enforceability of the Ordinance, and all regulations and guidelines governing the issuance of Conditional Use Permits for poultry operations in Stephens County; and

WHEREAS, proposed revisions to the Zoning Regulations of Stephens County, Georgia pertaining to the issuance of Conditional Use Permits for poultry operations are currently being drafted and will be considered by the Stephens County Planning Commission for recommendation of consideration and adoption by the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, such proposed revisions are necessary to harmonize the rights of private property use with the desired character of Stephens County and the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, such proposed revisions are necessary to regulate the location and operation of poultry operations within jurisdiction of Stephens County; and

WHEREAS, such revisions are necessary to restrict the location, relocation and erection of poultry operations to certain specified areas and under certain conditions and applying certain standards as allowed by law; and

WHEREAS, a moratorium on the acceptance of applications and the issuance of Conditional Use Permits is reasonably calculated to allow certain revised provisions of the Zoning Regulations of Stephens County, Georgia to be created, implemented, and adopted; and

WHEREAS, a moratorium on the acceptance of applications and the issuance of Conditional Use Permits for the location, relocation, and erection of poultry operations is within the limits of

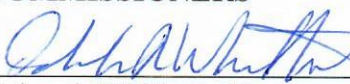
necessity and is the least restrictive means available in the exercise of Stephens County's police power for the legitimate public purpose of addressing the regulations and restrictions governing poultry operations in Stephens County, as well as for the legitimate public purpose of maintaining the status quo pending approval and adoption of a revised Ordinance by the Stephens County Board of Commissioners.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STEPHENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that a moratorium is imposed through and including August 13, 2017, with said moratorium being effective immediately, such that no applications for Conditional Use Permits for the location, relocation, or erection of poultry operations, shall be accepted and no such permits shall otherwise be granted during the term of this moratorium, the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Stephens County demanding it.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the express intent of the Stephens County Board of Commissioners that this Resolution be consistent with both federal and State law. If any provision of this Resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or applications of the Resolution which shall be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the invalid provisions of this Resolution are declared, and shall be and remain, severable.

SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED, this 15th day of May, 2017.

STEPHENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Deborah Whitlock, Chairman

Attest:


Beth Rider, County Clerk

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