



Ellis County Joint Planning Commission  
Meeting Minutes for April 26, 2017

**Members Present:**

David McDaniel  
John Schulte  
Brett Schmidt  
Bryan Church  
Nathan Leiker  
Rob Soneson  
Dick Klaus

**Members Absent:**

**Staff Present:**

Karen Purvis, Zoning Administrator  
Carla Meier, Recording Secretary

**Counsel Present:**

Bill Jeter

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The April 26, 2017 meeting of the Ellis County Joint Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman David McDaniel at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at 718 Main Street Commission Chambers.

**Roll call** was taken. Seven members were present. There was a quorum.

**Minutes:** Nathan Leiker moved to approve the February 22, 2017 minutes as written. Brett Schmidt seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

**Public Presentation :** None

**Staff Report :** Chairman McDaniel requested a staff report from Karen Purvis, Zoning Administrator.

Karen presented the staff report reflecting the activities from February 20, 2017 thru April 21, 2017. She spoke about attending the Victoria Commission meeting. Then spoke about attending the Zoning Conference in Andover. Then spoke about attending the City of Hays Zoning Conference. The report was approved.

**Old Business:** The discussion continued on the Zoning and Subdivision Regulations --- the tabled items.

First item discussed was the Fences Regulation. Nathan Leiker made a motion to exempt agriculture from falling under the Fences Regulation. Brett Schmidt seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Nathan Leiker amended the motion to exempt agriculture and energy from falling under the Fences Regulation. Brett Schmidt seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Nathan Leiker withdrew both motions. Brett withdrew both seconds. More discussion followed. Bryan Church made a motion to have staff reword section 3 from Geary County Fencing Regulations changing the acreage to two acres and taking out section B 2 on page 4. Rob Soneson seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Bryan Church amended the motion to strike all of section B on page 4. Rob Soneson seconded the motion. More discussion followed. Motion carried 7-0.

Second item discussed - the draft changes to the Regulations. It was agreed that Karen was doing the changes as the committee requested.

**New Business:** The expiring terms of the Committee members were discussed. Nathan Leiker will take the one year term.  
Brett Schmidt will take a three year term.  
Rob Soneson will give a decision before the next meeting so the information can be submitted to the County Commission.

There was discussion about “tiny houses.” Nathan Leiker made a motion to have staff check what other counties are doing on their regulations regarding “tiny houses.” Chairman McDaniel seconded the motion. Discussion followed.  
Motion carried 7-0.

**Confirmation of next meeting date :**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at the Ellis County Administrative Center, Commission Chambers 718 Main, Lower Level, Hays, Kansas at 7:00 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

Nathan Leiker moved the meeting be adjourned. John Schulte seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Carla Meier

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Chairman

Date