ELBERT COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING
BOCC HEARING CHAMBERS
215 COMANCHE ST., KIOWA, CO 80117
MARCH 8, 2016 @ 7:00 PM

1. ROLL CALL: Dan Rosales, Mike Kellison, Paula Wilderman, Bob Ware, Ron Turner, Chris Richardson and Bob Lewis were present.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR - None

3. COMMUNITY INPUT - None

4. HEARINGS / WORKSHOPS:

   A. INTRODUCTIONS: Each board member introduced themselves to staff, the public and to each other.

   B. AMENDMENT TO PLANNING COMMISSION BYLAWS: Electing officers.

      Ron Turner presented some prepared suggested language.

      Dan Rosales presented some prepared suggested language.

      - Discussion was had that any number of people could be nominated. Just because one person is nominated should not close the nominations and call for a vote. How it was done in 2015 just didn’t seem right.

      - The idea of self-nominations was discussed and decided that it should be permitted. If someone really wanted the job, that was a good thing!

      - It was discussed how do they deal with it when multiple people are nominated and still no one gets a majority vote?
They could revote and revote and revote and if nothing changed they would have to have a discussion and figure out a solution. There was no way to write bylaws to solve every single “what if”.

The original language currently reads:

Section 12 - Election of Officers
A. Officers shall be elected in accordance with the Elbert County Zoning Regulation, Part I, Section 2.
B. A majority vote of the Commissioners is required to elect each Officer.
A. An Officer’s term shall be for one year and may be extended for another term each year through reelection.
B. In the event an Officer’s position becomes vacant the position shall be filled in accordance with these Bylaws as soon as is practicable.
C. When a meeting is convened with a quorum present but the Chair and the Vice Chair are not present, the Commission shall elect a temporary Chair for that meeting only.

Following the discussion the new language is to read:

Section 12 - Election of Officers
A. Officers, meaning a chair and a vice-chair, shall be elected in accordance with the Elbert County Zoning Regulations, Part I, Section 2.
B. A majority vote of the Commission is required to elect each officer.
C. The following process shall be followed for officer elections;
   a. The presiding chair shall open the floor for nominations. Self-nominations are acceptable.
   b. A second is required for each nomination.
   c. When all nominations have been made, a motion and a second shall be called by the presiding chair to close nominations.
   d. When only one nomination is on the floor, a roll-call vote shall be called by the presiding chair. If more than one nomination is on the floor, a paper ballot shall be utilized to vote for only one candidate. All candidates shall vote. The ballots shall be tallied by the Secretary. Voting shall continue until a majority votes for a chair.
   e. The newly elected Chair Person shall now take over the meeting and the secretary shall note the election of the Chair.
   f. The Vice Chair shall be elected with the same process.
D. An officer’s term shall be for one (1) year and may be extended for another term each year through re-election.
E. In the event an Officer’s position becomes vacant, the position shall be filled in accordance with these Bylaws as soon as is practicable.
F. When a meeting is convened with a quorum present but the Chair and the Vice-Chair are not present, the Commission shall elect a temporary Chair for that meeting only.

The amendment language was approved and adopted by a unanimous vote of the Board.

C. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The Board will elect officers for 2016. Robert’s Rules of Order are a guide only.

A motion was made by Ron Turner to elect Dan Rosales as Chair. The motion was seconded by Bob Ware. A vote was taken and all members present supported the motion and elected Dan Rosales as Chair.

A motion was made by Bob Ware to elect Ron Turner as the Vice Chair. The motion was by Dan Rosales. A vote was taken and all members present supported the motion and elected Ron Turner as Chair.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

6. ADJOURNED - 10:05 PM