BRADLEY COUNTY
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES
OF THE JULY 23, 2026 MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Richard Burnette.

The roll of members was called by Planning Commission Secretary Janie Bishop, and the members present were: Mel Griffith, Janie Bishop, Josh Rogers, Richard Burnette, Doug Caywood, Randy Howard, and Joe Lee, with Keith Jones and Max Phillips absent.

Staff Present: Bently Thomas, Bradley County Planner & Executive Assistant to the Mayor, and Ashley Swafford, Planning Assistant, Permitting & Addressing Coordinator.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Josh Rogers and seconded by Mr. Doug Caywood to approve the June 25, 2026, BCRPC meeting minutes.

A roll-call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

VARIANCE REQUEST

938 Lauderdale Memorial Highway Bridge Width Variance

Chairman Richard Burnette opened the discussion to the audience and the commission. After a lot of deliberation, a motion to deny the request was made by Mr. Joe Lee and seconded by Mrs. Janie Bishop.

A roll-call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously denied.

Walter Ballew Final Plat Approval

Chairman Richard Burnette opened the discussion to the audience and the commission. With no discussion, a motion to approve the request was made by Mr. Max Phillips and seconded by Mr. Josh Rogers.

A roll-call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

The Parkwoods Preliminary Plat Approval

Chairman Richard Burnette opened the discussion to the audience and the commission. With no discussion, a motion to approve the request was made by Mr. Mel Griffith and seconded by Mr. Keith Jones.

A roll-call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

Carol Musselwhite Final Plat Approval

Chairman Richard Burnette opened the discussion to the audience and the commission. With no discussion, a motion to approve the request was made by Mr. Josh Rogers and seconded by Mr. Max Phillips.

A roll-call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

ZONING REQUESTS

Request for rezoning at 7059 Mouse Creek Road by Heather Guthrie, identified on Tax map 020, Parcel: 031.01, from FAR Forestry Agricultural Residential to R-2 High Density Residential.

Chairman Richard Burnette opened the discussion to the audience and the commission.

Several community members voiced their concerns regarding the proposed rezoning. After reviewing the request, it was determined that rezoning was unnecessary because the property's existing FAR zoning already permitted the owner's intended use. Mr. Bently Thomas recommended that Mrs. Heather Guthrie withdraw her rezoning request, and she agreed to do so.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.