

Public Hearing
February 3, 2020
6:00 P.M.

A public hearing was held Monday, February, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. by the Board of Commissioners of Candler County at the Jack Strickland Building located at 621 North Pine Street, Metter, Georgia. The purpose of the hearing was to receive citizen comments regarding zoning in the unincorporated area of Candler County.

Those attending the public hearing were Chairman Glyn Thrift, Vice-Chairman Brad Jones, Commissioners Wayne Culbertson, David Robinson and Blake Hendrix, Kendall Gross, County Attorney and Maranda K. Lank, County Clerk. Jerri Goodman represented The Metter Advertiser. Guest who attended the hearing included Steve Waller, Graham Daniell, Gary Howard, Tony Thompson, Joey Pittman, James Lamb, Cheryl Allen, Dennis Allen, Tim Smith, Norma Willis, Robert Franklin, Wayne Rivenbark, Donny Wells, Susan Hunt, Dixie Odom, Tim Spencer, Grady Franklin, Randy Hadden, Mike Newman, Ronald Jones, John Miles, Justin Wells, David Brown, Jack and Ann Childs, Larry Jake Daughtry, Bobby Odom, Glenn Deal, Alton and Vinna Faye Slater, Cleveland Slater, Jerry Holloway, Jason Grimes, Richard Williams, Ty Tyson, Dale Fordham, Melvin Ivey, Danny Carter, Larry R. Brown, Doug Tyson, Larry Hadden, Tommy Hunt. Chairman Thrift delivered the invocation and led the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Chairman Thrift opened the hearing at 6:04 p.m.

Elder Mike Newman delivered the Invocation and Chairman Thrift led the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Mr. Aasheim, prior to opening the floor to public comment, explained the County's Open Meeting policy that comments be limited to five minutes. He then requested that everyone be respectful to the speaker and that all comments be kept to the two points of holding the public hearing which was to hear public comment on a potential zoning and land use ordinance. Mr. Aasheim explained the Commissioners are not prepared to answer any questions this evening. He further explained the reason for holding this public hearing was to hear comments from the public about their thoughts on zoning.

The citizens who addressed the Commissioners included Susan Hunt, Dixie Odom, Grady Franklin, Randy Hadden, Gary Hadden, James Lamb, Wayne Rivenbark, Bobby Odom, Steve Waller, Cheryl Allen, Larry Bowen, Ann and Jack Childs, Alton Slater and Richard Williams.

Questions about potential zoning included:

- How many people will be staffed?
- Who will make decisions about zoning?
- How will environmental impact be affected?
- Are there going to be buffers?
- Who will follow up on State Regulations?
- Will there be a "Grandfathered Clause"?
- Will small businesses be required to obtain a business license? If so, who will handle this?
- How are other Counties handling zoning?
- Who is qualified to enforce?
- Who will pay for this?
- Will taxes go up?
- Is it possible to have a referendum placed on the ballot for citizens to vote on?
- How many people will zoning add to the payroll?
- When will the citizens get answers?
- Why are we having a meeting about zoning if we do not have a proposal?
- Will there be someone to do a study?
- Do we want to be protected?
- Without zoning, can we stop unwanted industry?
- Are we going to add zoning because other counties have it?
- Will there be an out of County inspector?
- Where are we going and how are we going to get there?

With further no questions, Chairman Thrift ended the hearing at 7:15 p.m.


Maranda K. Lank, Clerk
Attest


Chairman Glyn Thrift