

**Planning Board Minutes**  
**March 10, 2015**

The Duplin County Planning Board met on March 10, 2015 for their regular monthly meeting. Members present included: Marshal Britt, Charles Edwards, Bobbie Jean Rivenbark, J. B. Merritt and Deborah Kornegay.

The stated purpose of the meeting was to be to welcome the new Planner. However, as it turned out, the candidate decided to not accept the position. Mike advised that he had made contact with the next applicant which the interview committee had also ranked very highly. He is to make a decision in a few days.

The board then discussed the need to develop and recommend an ordinance to regulate solar energy facilities. To date some 30 facilities have been planned and approximately 10 have been constructed or are under construction. The consensus of the board was that some regulation was advisable, not to prevent the expansion of solar power generating, but to offer some protection to neighboring property owners. The board reviewed the Wayne County ordinance adopted in November, 2014 and found it was generally adequate. Motion was made by Mr. Merritt, second by Mrs. Kornegay and approved unanimously for Mike to adapt the Wayne County ordinance to Duplin's needs and to present it to the County Commissioners on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Kornegay provided the board with information about fracking in North Carolina. She asked that Mike provide copies of HB 786 to the board members.

There being no other business requiring the board's action, a motion was made by Charles Edwards, seconded by Mrs. Rivenbark to adjourn. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on April 14, 2015.

Submitted,



Mike Aldridge  
County Manager