



MONTHLY ZONING AND PLANNING REPORT

September 10, 2024 – County Services Committee

ACTIONS COMING FROM THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - None

ACTIONS GOING TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – None

ACTIONS COMING FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION - None

ACTIONS GOING TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION - None

OTHER ACTIONS FROM THE ZONING OFFICE

The Zoning office is currently working with developers who are seeking building permits for three (3) separate community solar projects: Maples Road Solar 1, LLC; Wiggins Solar, LLC; and OneEnergy Development, LLC. Additionally, the office is working with Ameresco, who is seeking a building permit for their pipeline project.

Retired Sheriff's Deputy Jared Yater is continuing to see results through the Junk and Junk Vehicle program. He is currently working with approximately 48 residents to resolve junk and/or junk vehicle violations. With the assistance of the Sheriff's Department, he will be working with three (3) residents to acquire salvage titles so the vehicles can be lawfully received by a salvage yard.

Last month, Mr. Yater began conducting zoning compliance checks as part of the building permit process. As a reminder, a zoning compliance check is nothing more than confirming that what is reported on the building permit is what is being constructed. He reports that, so far, property owners have been receptive to reintroducing this process.

Earlier this year, Lee County applied for a BRIC grant that would assist the County in adopting building codes. We continue to progress through that process and were recently asked to provide additional information concerning anticipated costs. We anticipate awards to be announced before the end of the year.

On August 21st, Laura attended the Village meeting in the Village of Lee with William Shipley from IEMA. Earlier in the month, she had met with Village Mayor Terri Voitek and the head of the public works department to discuss the water issues they have in town. While they are not under the jurisdiction of Lee County, she reached out to Laura as Floodplain Manager for guidance. While the Village itself is not in the floodplain, it does have significant drainage and stormwater management issues.

Laura discussed applying for a scoping grant from FEMA during the meeting. A scoping grant would pay for the engineering study to identify the water issues and offer possible solutions. That study can then be used for a grant to pay for the recommended work. They were both interested in more information and set it up for me to talk about it at their meeting. If anyone knows of an area of Lee County that may benefit from a



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scoping grant to identify water-related issues or has general questions about the grant, please contact Laura with the Zoning Office.

Mr. Shipley from IEMA has been a great source of information and guidance and after discussing the Village's issues with him, he decided to attend the meeting to answer questions as well. The idea was well received, and he is now their point of contact to move forward with applying for the scoping grant.

During the month of August 2024, the Zoning Office processed forty-three (43) building permits. Permit fees in the amount of \$11,330.10 were collected.