

Cherokee County Planning Commission

Minutes for July 2, 2025 Regular Meeting

CONVENE

Commissioner Randy Commons began the meeting with an opening prayer. Chairman Brett Warstler then called the meeting of the Cherokee County Planning Commission (the Commission) to order at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, July 2, 2025 in the break room of the Cherokee County Courthouse.

ROLL CALL

Chair Warstler conducted a roll call. Commission member Roger Draeger, Chairman Brett Warstler, Commission member Randy Commons, Commission member Scott Boyes were in attendance at the time roll call was taken. Vice-Chair Lopp was present for the remainder of the meeting.

Counselor Jake Conard, Secretary Lorie Johnson, Mel Hass, Brian Ipsen, Randy French, Scott Williams, Keely Rosner, Chris Shires, Abbey Eckberg and Justin Boyes were also in attendance.

REVIEW OF 6/4/2025 MINUTES

Upon review of the minutes from the June 4th meeting, Commissioner Commons moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Boyes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Commission discussed the creation of a Steering Committee. Chair Warstler shared a statement on his thoughts concerning the committee, followed by additional input from fellow commissioners and those in attendance.
2. Commissioner Lopp made a motion to NOT have a Steering Committee in addition to the Commission. Commissioner Boyes seconded the motion. Commissioners Boyes, Lopp and Warstler voted yes. Commissioners Draeger and Commons voted no. Motion passed 3-2.
3. Confluence representatives Abbey, Chris, and Keely presented the four phases of creating the Comprehensive Plan. Phase One will be Project Kick-Off. Phase Two includes creating a vision by collecting input and direction from citizens. In Phase Three, we will build and evaluate the draft plan. In Phase Four, we will present the Final Plan to the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners for their approval and adoption.

Confluence led an interactive discussion with the Commission, getting input about the current advantages and disadvantages in our county and plan priorities.

Commissioners were asked to create a list of stakeholders and their contact information, as well as to create a list of meeting places and potential dates for public meetings as homework for the August meeting.

4. Commissioner Commons and Mel Hass gave an update from their trip to the Planning and Zoning Conference.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Commissioner Commons made a motion to request that the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners extend the existing moratorium on Industrial Solar until July 31, 2026. Commissioner Boyes seconded the motion. Commissioners Commons, Boyes, Lopp and Warstler voted yes. Commissioner Draeger abstained. Motion passed.
2. Chairman Warstler stated that he would meet with Jake Conard and Lorie Johnson to build a draft budget for the Planning Commission to present to the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Lopp made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Commons seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

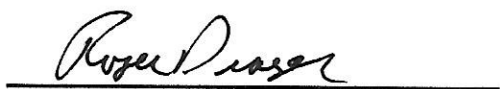
ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 6th day of AUGUST, 2025.



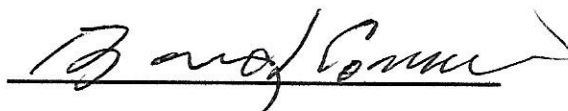
Brett Warstler, Chair



John Lopp, Vice-Chair



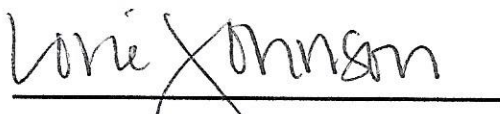
Roger Draeger, Planning Commissioner 1



Randy Commons, Planning Commissioner 3



Scott Boyes, Planning Commissioner 4



Lorie Johnson, Secretary