BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES **MARCH 8, 2007**

At a regular meeting of the Orange County Board of Supervisors held on Thursday, March 8, 2007, beginning at 7:00 p.m., in the Meeting Room of the Gordon Building, 112 West Main Street, Orange, Virginia. Present: R. Mark Johnson, Chairman; Clement L. Dodson, Jr., Vice-Chairman; Thomas E. Graves; Teri L. Pace; and Richard D. Wallace. Also present: William C. Rolfe, County Administrator; Todd G. Patrick, County Attorney; Deborah S. Kendall, Director of Strategic Planning; and Donna D. Curry, Chief Deputy Clerk.

RE: SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE WORKSESSION

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order. Mrs. Pace requested that the document be reviewed page by page as the laws have been changed and Mr. Patrick could advise of the changes as opposed to flipping back and forth.

Mr. Graves stated that there were four or five big issues that needed to be discussed. He felt that the Board could discuss those issues and make the necessary changes. The document would be sent to the Planning Department for revisions, and then the revised document would come back to the Board to make certain that the changes made are reflective of the Board's discussion and intent. Then the document would be sent to an outside attorney to make certain that there were no ambiguities and that it is in compliance with the law. He indicated that the Board had sent the Planning Commission guidance on division rights and it came back quite different than what was originally sent. He stated that the Board really needed to look at family subdivisions; define major and minor subdivisions; and determine when roads need to built to state standards or when it can be private. He concluded by saying that staff, with the guidance given by the Board on the previous mentioned items, can draft the document for the Board's review and approval before being sent to an attorney.

Mr. Dodson stated that he concurred with Mr. Graves. He stated that he thinks there are a handful of major issues that need to be decided upon. He indicated that he is not sure that the document needs to be discussed page by page as the County Attorney will revise the information before it returns to the Board for approval. He concluded by saying that there are big philosophical decisions that this Board needs to make.

Mr. Wallace concurred with Mr. Dodson. He stated that he agreed with the other members concerning the need to send it out for professional review to make certain there are not any violations of the law.

Mr. Johnson stated there needs to be a framework of the changes the Board wishes to make. He indicated that the document needs to be simplified. It is too large and too complicated.

By consensus, the Board decided to make major changes now, direct staff to incorporate those changes; then the Board will closely review the document for a final scrub before sending it to an attorney for review.

Discussion ensued regarding: family subdivisions and major/minor subdivisions.

RE: RECESS

The Board took a short recess at 8:35 p.m. and reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

RE: SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE WORKSESSION CONTINUED

Discussion continued including: private streets and utility easements out of the right-of-way for roads. The Board directed Mrs. Kendall to prepare guidelines for private street standards.

The Board scheduled its next Worksession on the subdivision ordinance on Thursday, March 22, 2007 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Wallace moved, seconded by Mr. Graves and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.