

On April 1, 2015, the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors attended a joint meeting with the Planning Commission for a field trip to the Beech Ridge Wind Farm in Greenbrier County, WV. Mr. Jack Leffel, Vice Chairman, called the Board of Supervisors meeting to order at 8 AM, and immediately thereafter, Mr. Hiawatha Nicely, Chairman, called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 8 AM.

PRESENT: Mr. Billy Martin, Member, Board of Supervisors
Mr. Todd Dodson, Member, Board of Supervisors
Mr. Jack Leffel, Vice-Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Mr. Hiawatha Nicely, Jr., Chairman, Planning Commission
Mr. William Thurman, Vice-Chairman, Planning Commission
Mr. Steven L. Kidd, Member, Planning Commission
Mr. John Griffin, Member, Planning Commission
Mr. Sam Foster, Member, Planning Commission

Mrs. Kathleen D. Guzi, County Administrator
Mr. Jeffrey Busby, Planner

ABSENT: Mr. John Williamson, Member, Board of Supervisors
Mr. Donald "Mac" Scothorn, Member, Board of Supervisors
Mr. David Moorman, Deputy County Administrator
Mrs. Nicole Pendleton, Zoning Administrator / Planning Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs. Penny Firestone, Driver
Ms. Remy Pangle, Associate Director and Curriculum Coordinator,
Center for Wind Energy at James Madison University
Mr. Jonathan J. Miles, Ph.D., Professor, Director – Virginia Center for Wind
Energy, James Madison University
Blaine Loos, Energy Project Analyst, Virginia Center for Wind Energy, James
Madison University
Mr. Jack McClung, Operations Manager - Beech Ridge Wind Energy Center,
Invenergy, LLC

The Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors met in the parking lot of the Circuit Courthouse in Fincastle, VA at approximately 7:15 AM for breakfast, and then traveled from there to Invenergy, LLC's Beech Ridge Wind Farm in Greenbrier County, West Virginia. After arriving on the wind farm, the group met in the conference room of the Invenergy office for introductions and a brief question and answer period about wind energy and the Beech Ridge Wind Farm. After the brief question and answer period, Mr. Jack McClung, Operations Manager of the Beech Ridge Wind Farm escorted the group on a tour of the wind farm. The Planning Commissioners and Board of Supervisors viewed several aspects of the wind farm, including two (2) wind turbines in very close proximity, and viewed the interior of a wind turbine. Following the tour, the group gathered for lunch at Food and Friends in Lewisburg, WV, where the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors continued their discussions with the James

Madison University representatives. Mr. Jack McClung of the Beech Ridge Wind Farm was unable to attend the meal.

At 3:15 PM, and by general consensus, Mr. Martin adjourned with the following recorded vote:

Aye: Mr. Leffel, Mr. Dodson, Mr. Martin
Nay: None
Absent: Dr. Scothorn, Mr. Williamson
Abstain: None

Mr. Nicely motioned to adjourn the Planning Commission meeting. Mr. Foster seconded, which was approved with the following recorded vote:

Yes: Mr. Kidd, Mr. Griffin, Mr. Nicely, Mr. Thurman, Mr. Foster
No: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None