

**PUBLIC HEARING
JUNE 14, 2016**

Chairman Clark Henderson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in Room 305 in the Crisp County Government Center. Other commissioners present were Wallace Mathis, Sam Farrow and Larry Felton, with James Nance absent. Others present were Finance Director Sherrie Leverett, Planning Director Connie Youngblood, and Clerk Linda Finch. Chairman Henderson welcomed all in attendance.

PUBLIC HEARING – REQUEST FROM CHERYL MASON

Chairman Henderson opened the public hearing. He stated that this is a request from Cheryl Mason to rezone a parcel of property from NC (Neighborhood Commercial) to RS1 (Single Family Residential). Property is located at 2102 Ga. Hwy. 300 South. Mrs. Youngblood reported that the county rezoned this property in 2007 to Neighborhood Commercial for the use of a hair salon, now Mrs. Mason wants to rezone it back to Single Family Residential. The property is also adjacent to single family residential property. This is just the public hearing; commissioners will make the decision at the next meeting. Chairman Henderson asked if anyone wanted to speak in favor of the request. Mrs. Mason stated that the house was leased to a hair salon for about six years and they moved out; the building has remained vacant for over two years. Over the course of time, she has had several people approach her about leasing the house as residential property; she decided that the business world is not thriving right now and the highest and best use she thinks would be to rezone it back to residential. There was no one else to speak in favor of the request. Chairman Henderson asked if anyone wanted to speak in opposition of the request, and there were none. Chairman Henderson closed the public hearing and advised that the decision would be made at the next regular meeting.

CHANGE MEETING DATE IN JULY

Mrs. Leverett stated that Mr. Patton wanted her to mention to commissioners that we will need to change the regular meeting date in July as it is in conflict with the MEAG Conference. **By common consent, commissioners set July 19, 2016 as the regular meeting date in July.**

9:30 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING – STELLA JONES

Mrs. Leverett reported that this is a close out hearing for the Stella Jones Project CDBG 12. The total project was \$500,000 in grant dollars, \$470,000 of that went for construction and \$30,000 for administration. The project was for construction of a railroad tie production and distribution center for Stella Jones Corporation and the creation of at least 45 jobs. She advised that the project was started in 2013, and the project is now complete; this is a formality to close out the grant and EIP project. Chairman Henderson asked if anyone had any comments on the Stella Jones project. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing at 9:36 a.m.