

**Minutes
Planning Commission
Isle of Wight County
17140 Monument Circle, Isle of Wight County
May 12, 2026**

1. Call to Order

Bobby Bowser, Chairman, called the Isle of Wight County Planning Commission meeting to order at 6:00 PM on May 12, 2026, in the Board of Supervisors Room at the Isle of Wight County Courthouse, Isle of Wight, Virginia.

Invocation

Bobby Bowser delivered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Bowser invited everyone present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call/Determination of a Quorum

Roll was called and the following members were present: Bobby Bowser, James Ford, Jennifer Boykin, Raynard Gibbs, Brian Shotwell, George Rawls, Thomas Distefano. The following members were absent: Brian Carroll, Matthew Smith and Keith Johnson.

A quorum was determined

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Amy Ring, Community Development Director
Bobby Jones, County Attorney
Amanda Landrus, Secretary

3. New Business

A. Planning Director's Report

1. Proposed Zoning Ordinance Changes Discussion

The Planning Commission discussed proposed zoning ordinance amendments and agreed that a public hearing could not be scheduled at the current meeting due to advertising deadlines. Staff advised that the required legal advertisement would need to run the following day, which was not feasible, resulting in the matter being deferred until June.

Commission members noted there were only a few remaining items needing clarification, specifically

regarding short-term rentals and regulations related to residential chickens and private sawmills. The Commission agreed staff would gather additional information on those limited topics for further review prior to the June meeting. Members emphasized their intent to keep future discussion narrowly focused on only those sections where questions remained and avoid reopening broader portions of the ordinance.

The Commission generally agreed that the proposed amendments were conservative and timely considering the overall scope of the zoning ordinance. Ms. Ring confirmed the Commission would briefly review the updated information at the June meeting and then determine whether to proceed with advertising a public hearing for July.

Ms. Ring also noted that discussion of the data center ordinance would follow once work on the current amendments was completed.

4. Adjournment

There being no further information to discuss, Chairman Bowser adjourned the meeting at 7:11 PM.

Adopted this 23 day of June 2026.

Bobby Bowser
Bobby Bowser, Chairman
Isle of Wight County Planning Commission

Attest: Heather Crocker
Secretary, Acting
Heather Crocker