



**COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY**  
**Beaufort County Planning and Zoning Department**

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The workshop meeting of the Beaufort County Planning Commission (hereinafter "Commission") was held in the Executive Conference Room on Thursday, September 10, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Ed Pappas, Chairman  
Mr. Jon Henney  
Ms. Cecily McMillan, Vice Chair  
Mr. Gene Meyers  
Mr. Glenn Miller  
Ms. Gail Murray  
Mr. Chuck Newton  
Mr. Dennis Ross

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mr. Pete Cook

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Mr. Rob Merchant, Planning and Zoning Director

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Pappas called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Merchant went over the roles of staff, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Planning Commission. He discussed what each body reviewed depending on the project. There was discussion about sending rezoning applications to Planning Commission once there are deemed complete.

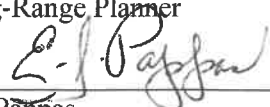
The group also discussed data centers. It was stated that they were discussed at the recent Northern Regional Planning Implementation Committee and the Natural Resources Committee. Both can be found on the County Channel. Mr. Merchant stated that there will be an upcoming Council Workshop on September 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss next steps for data center ordinances.

It was noted that Development Agreements were adopted by ordinance.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Pappas adjourned the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

**SUBMITTED BY:**

Kristen Forbus  
Long-Range Planner

  
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Ed Pappas  
Beaufort County Planning Commission Chairman

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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