

Minutes – July 13, 2026

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

There were no public hearing items on this meeting's agenda. Chairman Alan Mueller opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. Pledge of Allegiance was said. Mueller stated that the open meetings act is posted on the north wall in the back of the room. Planning Commission members Crofoot, Staben, Tesar, Mueller, Dennis, Felthousen, Church and Rayer met as advertised. Stroy was absent

Approval of minutes:

A motion was made by Tesar seconded by Rayer to approve the minutes from June 8, 2026, A voice vote followed with all voting aye. Motion carried.

Mueller introduced the item on the agenda, Amendment Z 2026-0010. Mueller asked Zoning Administrator Chappell if he had any comments Chappell wanted to clarify the process of the meeting, He pointed out the public hearing was held in May, and this meeting was only for the planning board to discuss and take potential action on this amendment. He also stated there will be time at the end for public comments. Chappell stated he reviewed all the recommendations from last meeting. He said he made a suggested modification to the amendment for the reason of preserving the intent of the amendment while providing additional clarity. The discussion with the board began with Tesar stating he was concerned over the possibility of changing zoning from Agricultural land to Industrial for the purpose of the data centers. After some discussion, Mueller then suggested putting a Moratorium in place. Chappell stated a moratorium would be up to the Board of Commissioners. It could be possible to approve the amendment and have a moratorium also. Felthousen stated that the amendment is protecting us by putting something in the regulations and it is important to get something out there. Tesar suggested getting a third- party involved to review the amendment. Chappell suggested making that a part of the recommendation. Felthousen made a motion to Approve Amendment Z 2026-0010 with the conditions to add the modification from Chappell and to ask the Commission to have a third-party review. The motion was seconded by Crofoot A roll call vote followed with the following votes: Mueller– aye; Crofoot– aye; Staben- aye; Tesar- aye, Dennis- aye Felthousen-aye Church-aye, Rayer-aye Motion to approve carried with an 8 to 0 vote. This matter will be sent to the Board of Commissioners meeting on

August 11th, 2026.

Staben then asked if they could make a motion or suggestion to the Board of Commissioners to consider putting a moratorium on data centers. Rayer then made the motion to recommend a moratorium to the board of commissioners, Dennis seconded it. A roll call vote followed with the following votes: Mueller– aye; Crofoot– aye; Staben- aye; Tesar- nay, Dennis- aye Felthousen-aye Church-aye, Rayer-aye Motion to approve carried with a 7 to 1 vote. This matter will be sent to the Board of Commissioners meeting on August 11th, 2026.

Mueller opened the 30-minute public comment portion of the meeting at 7:25 pm Several people spoke in opposition to data centers. Many concerns were mentioned such as water and power usage, noise, environmental issues, disruption of wildlife, long term effects and the question of what the benefits were for the county residents. There was a lot in favor of the idea of a moratorium. No one spoke in favor of data centers.

Crofoot made a motion to adjourn at 8:02 pm seconded by Church, A voice vote followed with all voting aye. Motion carried.

Sarah Kunkel
Recording Secretary

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