

A Joint Public Hearing of the Charlotte County Board of Supervisors and the Charlotte County Planning Commission was held at the Administration Building of said county on June 11, 2018 at 7:27 p.m.

Present:       Garland H. Hamlett-Vice Chairman  
                  Kay Pierantoni  
                  Robert L. Shook, Jr.  
                  Nancy Carwile  
                  Donna Fore  
                  Royal S. Freeman

Absent:         Gary Walker

Garland Hamlett, Vice-Chairman of the Charlotte County Board of Supervisors, called the Board of Supervisors' public hearing to order at 7:27 pm.

Deborah Haskins, Chairman of the Planning Commission, called the Planning Commission hearing to order, stating that the purpose of the hearing was to receive public comment regarding proposed amendments to the Charlotte County Zoning Ordinance related to solar energy uses.

County Planner Monica Elder provided a staff report addressing solar development in the region, the history of the County's solar zoning regulations, and the specific amendments being proposed.

Citizen Terry Ramsey provided comments regarding updating the comprehensive plan; revising the density percentage; clarification of language used in the density and decommissioning regulations; requiring landowner participation in the conditional use permit agreement; revising setbacks, buffer zones, and proximity to town; adding provisions regarding emergency services training; and requiring a neighborhood meeting.

Francis Hodsoll with SolUnesco provided comments regarding the increasing size of solar projects, SolUnesco's provision of reports to the Planning Commission, and the process involved in preparing the amendments.

There being no further comments, Garland Hamlett adjourned the Board of Supervisors' hearing and Deborah Haskins adjourned the Planning Commission hearing.