

FRIENDS OF LANCASTER COUNTY
Meeting –May 9, 2007

The May meeting was devoted to discussion of various tax and zoning issues facing the county. Items discussed included:

- Real property is currently being reassessed. The group that is conducting the reassessments is doing so pursuant to a two hundred thousand dollar contract.
- The Board of Supervisors has increased the school budget for next year. A new superintendent has been hired.
- Chapter 7 of the draft comprehensive plan is posted on the FOLC web site, and will be the subject of the next Planning Commission Meeting. The density discussion has been somewhat revised.
- The Planning Commission has noted repeatedly that vagueness in the comprehensive plan will be clarified when new ordinances are written. We do not know whether the county plans to write the ordinances or contract them out. Because it is not likely that there are consultants who are expert at writing rural ordinances, FOLC believes they should not be done by contract.
- The comprehensive plan provisions for preservation of farmland are quite vague. Members will address the issue at the next planning commission meeting.
- Tom Smith reported that there may be a proposal presented to the planning commission for a new marina on Carter's Creek and that we should be on the lookout for proposals for "live aboard" houseboats.
- Charles Costello noted that the next Board of Supervisors Meeting would be May 31. The Highway Corridor overlay proposal will be on the agenda. The planning commission is not meeting in June. The June Board of Supervisors Meeting will be on the budget. The date of the next FOLC meeting will be decided later.
- The scheduled speakers having failed to appear, the meeting ended at 8:12 P.M.

Jackie Ferriter, Secretary