Chairman Willingham called the public hearing to order at 6:00 P.M. Members present were Phil Schneider, Tom Costello and David Willingham. Staff Present: CeCe Tesky and Monica Kenealy. Absent: Cliff Taylor and Kathy Mai. The purpose of the hearing is for review and public comment on proposed changes to the Rusk County Comprehensive and Shoreland Zoning Ordinance.

Willingham reviewed the Public Hearing process. Tesky gave an overview of the proposed language.

Willingham asked if anyone had any comments or questions.

John Stencil asked Tesky to elaborate on the shoreland ordinance. He asked if the dimensional requirements proposed for the comprehensive ordinance would change the minimum lot sizes in shoreland. Tesky stated that there are no changes to RR-3 standards and those are the minimum lot sizes in unzoned townships.

Fran Bjerke asked if this is a combination of Smart Growth and Zoning. Willingham said the Comprehensive Zoning ordinance is not the same as the Comprehensive Plan. The ordinance regulates activities regarding land use issues. There will be a hearing December 8th regarding the county’s Comprehensive Plan.

Jason Gillis wondered if adult entertainment facilities would only be allowed in the City of Ladysmith. Tesky explained that a property owner would need to rezone to “Industrial” if they were proposing an adult entertainment facility.

Irene Urmanski asked if rights would be lost with these changes. Willingham stated that if a person wanted to open an adult entertainment facility, they would have more restrictions placed on them.

Cecelia Stencil asked where modular homes fit in. Tesky explained that modular units are considered “dwellings” as defined in the ordinance.

Willingham closed the public hearing at 6:22 P.M.

Monica Kenealy
Secretary/Bookkeeper