

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

There is a dedicated group of volunteers who serve Highlands County as the Planning and Zoning Commission/Local Planning Agency and the Board of Adjustment. These volunteers undeniably provide a great service to Highlands County and its residents.

The Planning and Zoning Commission/Local Planning Agency make recommendations for land use and zoning changes and amendments to the Land Development Regulations and the Comprehensive Plan. These changes are presented to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration to promote public health, safety, comfort, and good order and planning for future development in agricultural, residential, commercial and industrial areas.

Members of the Planning and Zoning Commission/Local Planning Agency also serve on the Board of Adjustment. The Board of Adjustment is charged with making decisions on variances, special exceptions, and appeals. These decisions may have an impact on neighborhoods and developments.

At this time, there are three vacant positions on the Planning and Zoning Commission/Local Planning Agency and the Board of Adjustment. The meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month. On occasion, the Planning and Zoning Commission and/or the Board of Adjustment hold special meetings. A background in planning, zoning, building or any aspect of these areas is advantageous for consideration, but not required. All interested residents are encouraged to apply.

The application is available online at Highlands County Board of County Commissioners (www.hbcc.net). Under the Citizens Committees tab, you will see a link for "Application for Committee Appointments".