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**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

May 4, 2020

5:30 p.m.

BOC: *Commission Chairman Thomas Bridges
District 1 Commissioner Robert Franklin
District 2 Commissioner Dr. Jason Macomson
District 3 Commissioner Ryan Swails
District 4 Commissioner Eddie Wester*

Media: *Shane Scoggins, Franklin County Citizen
MJ Kneiser, WLHR*

Staff: *County Manager Beth Thomas
Interim County Clerk Gina L. Kesler
County Attorney Bubba Samuels*

Chairman Bridges called the May Public Hearing to order at 5:30 p.m. He welcomed everyone to the meeting. He said there were several items that needed to be discussed tonight and an opportunity will be given to speak for and against each one.

A. Conditional Use Permit/Poultry House Site Plan Revision – JENNY Farm

The applicant is seeking approval of a site plan change regarding a six-house poultry farm located at 2917 Highway 326. A conditional use permit was approved by the Board in November of 2019, but the site plan has changed since then due to a spring found on the property. A representative for the applicant spoke and said that the broiler farm would have six 54'x500' broiler houses and they would be growing with Wayne Farms. He stated that the reason for the revision was because the Engineer didn't originally see a spring that was located where the sixth house would be built and the engineer had to come and reconfigure the placement of the houses, thus resulting in a change in the site plan.

Planning Director, Scott DeLozier, stated that there was a site plan change since the approval in November of 2019. He said that the revised plan met all setbacks and requirements for a poultry farm. Mr. DeLozier said that the applicant had obtained a driveway permit from GDOT. The driveway will be off of Highway 326.

There were no comments or discussion against the conditional use permit.



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B. Text Amendment

Planning Director, Scott DeLozier, stated that there was a Zoning Text Amendment presented to the Planning Commission by Commissioner Macomson regarding Article XII (CI-Commercial Industrial District). The application was submitted on behalf of Board County to amend the zoning text.

The recommended change reads:

“The chipping, burning and or incineration of railroad cross ties, including those containing creosote, naphthenate, or any other preservative compounds, by any commercial and or industrial entity is prohibited. No work shall be done to cause any dust or particulate matter to be released into the air by burning, incineration, chipping, sawing, or any other means used to disassemble railroad cross ties.”

“The burning and or incineration of, including but not limited to, municipal, commercial and industrial wastes, construction and demolition wastes, by any commercial or industrial entity is prohibited.”

The Planning Commission received it and recommended approving the first paragraph as it was written. The only change the Planning Commission wanted to recommend on the second paragraph; the burning or incineration of poultry litter and farming wastes be made a conditional use rather than being prohibited. Mr. DeLozier explained the recommendations.

The Board discussed concerns with the Planning and Zoning Commission’s recommendation to strike poultry litter and farming wastes from the original proposed text. The Board discussed concerns of potentially opening the door for another incineration process in the county.

Chairman Bridges closed the public hearing at 6:00 p.m.

Signed on the _____ day of _____, 2020

Chairman J. Thomas Bridges

Robert L. Franklin, District 1 Commissioner

Dr. Jason Macomson, District 2 Commissioner



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