

MINUTES

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held a Zoning Public Hearing in Room 108 of the Courthouse Annex, Thursday, May 25, 2017, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Bart Miller presiding, Commissioners Rita Johnson, Raymond Ray and Donald Hawbaker were present. Also present were County Manager, William Wilson; Assistant County Manager, Eric Mosley; Community Development Director, Chad Jacobs; Zoning Attorney, Newton Galloway and Zoning Attorney, Steven Jones. Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor was absent from the meeting. Cindy McDaniel, Planning Technician to record the minutes.

A. Call to Order

Note: Persons desiring to speak must sign in for the appropriate application. When called, speakers must state their names and addresses and direct all comments to the Board only. Speakers will be allotted three (3) minutes to speak on their chosen topics and relate to matters pertinent to the jurisdiction of the Board of the Commissioners. No questions will be asked by any of the commissioners during citizen comments. Outbursts from the audience will not be tolerated. Common courtesy and civility are expected at all times during the meeting.

B. New Business:

1. **Application #17-02Z:** James William Campbell, Jr. and Mandy Latishia Campbell, Owners – 4129 Highway 19/41(0.46 acre located in Land Lot 108 of the 3rd Land District) - requesting a rezoning from C-1, Highway Commercial, to C-1B, Heavy Commercial.

Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Ray to conditionally approve Application #17-02Z: James William Campbell, Jr. and Mandy Latishia Campbell, Owners – 4129 Highway 19/41 (0.46 acre located in Land Lot 108 of the 3rd Land District) – requesting a rezoning from C-1, Highway Commercial, to C-1B, Heavy Commercial. Condition to the approval: 1) all outdoor storage shall be neat and orderly at all times.

2. **Application #17-03S:** Flynn Von Roretz & Tessa Von Roretz, Owners – 105 Laketrail Drive (1 acre located in Land Lot 11 of the 3rd Land District) – requesting a Special Exception to allow a general home occupation in the R-4 District.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve Application #17-03S: Flynn Von Roretz & Tessa Von Roretz, Owners – 105 Laketrail Drive (1 acre located in Land Lot 11 of the 3rd Land District) – requesting a Special Exception to allow a general home occupation in the R-4 District.

C. Other Business:

1. Public comment on Special Exception Application 14-07S General Home Occupation granted to Bradly D. Ward and Lisa A. Ward, Owners – 475 North Rover Road.

Spoke in favor of Full Blown Firearms:

Mark Mitchell,
Becky Childs, 214 Rebecca Circle, Griffin, GA
Art Hammond, 1131 Skyline Drive, Griffin, GA
Guy Woodroof, 4294 GA Hwy 3, Griffin, GA
Brad Ward, 475 N. Rover Road, Williamson, GA

Spoke against Full Blown Firearms:

Debby Daniel-Bryant, 282 N. Rover Road, Williamson, GA
Clint and Taralyn Sams, 501 N. Rover Road, Williamson, GA
Larry Wright, 531 N. Rover Road, Williamson, GA
Harold Ammons, 109 Bethel Lane, Williamson, GA
Cristine Thomas, 400 N. Rover Road, Williamson, GA
Bill Bryant, 282 N. Rover Road, Williamson, GA

2. Consideration of expert reports prepared by Kramer One, Inc. and Dick Peddicord & Company, Inc. along with staff report presented at the May 15, 2017 Special Called Meeting of the Board of Commissioners with regards to Full Blown Firearms.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to temporarily suspend the operations of Full Blown Firearms until such time they are brought into compliance with the conditions set forth at the time the home occupation exception was approved by the Board of Commissioners and implement the changes as suggested by the experts in their reports and that the inspectors be brought back out to assess their compliance at Full Blown Firearms expense.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to withdraw the motion.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to temporarily revoke the home based occupational business license of Full Blown Firearms until the issues cited in the May 12, 2017 staff report are corrected. Specifically, compliance with NRA and NSSF design standards for outdoor shooting ranges including but not limited to the following:

- a. *A ballistic background that extends for a sufficient distance past the end of the range to ensure that rounds that miss the backstop do not pose a danger to any other person or property.*
- b. *A backstop or berm constructed to industry standards.*
- c. *Side berms constructed to industry standards.*
- d. *Compliance with the EFA's "Best Management Practices for Lead at Outdoor Shooting Ranges."*
- e. *No expansion will be allowed to the current range without prior approval of the Board of Commissioners.*
- f. *The home occupation must be subordinate and incidental to the residential use of the dwelling and must not change the residential character of the property.*
- g. *No continuous outside storage of materials or supplies used in conjunction with the home business shall be permitted provided that this restriction does not preclude the conduct of minor outside home gardening activities which is not ammunition related.*
- h. *Changes to be implemented as suggested by the experts in their reports and that the inspectors be brought back out to assess compliance at the expense of Full Blown Firearms.*

Motion failed 2/2 (Miller/Hawbaker).

Chairman Miller stated that he feels that the owners should be allowed 30 days to come into compliance.

Motion/Second Hawbaker/Johnson to bring the operation of Full Blown Firearms into compliance with the conditions as set forth in the original approval of the home occupation granted on February 26, 2015 those conditions being:

- 1) Compliance with industry, NSSF or NRA, design standards for outdoor shooting ranges including, but not limited to the following:***

- a. **A ballistic background that extends for a sufficient distance past the end of the range to ensure that rounds that miss the backstop do not pose a danger to any other person or property.**
 - b. **A backstop or berm constructed to industry standards.**
 - c. **Side berms constructed to industry standards.**
- 2) **Compliance with the EFA's "Best Management Practices for Lead at Outdoor Shooting Ranges."**
 - 3) **No expansion will be allowed to the current range without prior approval of the Board of Commissioners.**
 - 4) **The home occupation must be subordinate and incidental to the residential use of the dwelling and must not change the residential character of the property.**
 - 5) **No continuous outside storage of materials or supplies used in conjunction with the home business shall be permitted provided that this restriction does not preclude the conduct of minor outside home gardening activities which is not ammunition related**
 - 6) **Changes to be implemented as suggested by the experts in their reports and that the inspectors be brought back out to assess compliance at the expense of Full Blown Firearms.**
 - 7) **Business can remain in operation for 30 days to allow time for the changes to be implemented and inspected.**

Motion carried 3-1 (Ray).

D. Adjournment

Motion/Second by Ray/Hawbaker to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.

/s/ _____
Bart Miller, Chairman

/s/ _____
William P. Wilson, Jr., Clerk

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The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, June 5, 2017, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Bart Miller presiding. Commissioners Raymond Ray, Gwen Flowers-Taylor and Donald Hawbaker were present. Commissioner Rita Johnson joined the meeting at 6:29 p.m. Also present were County Manager, William P. Wilson Jr., County Attorney, Jim Fortune and Executive Secretary, Kathy Gibson to record the minutes.

- I. OPENING (CALL TO ORDER) by Chairman Bart Miller.**
- II. INVOCATION led by Commissioner Donald Hawbaker.**