

**SUMNER COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
MINUTES
6:00 P.M.
AUGUST 11, 2011**

SUMNER COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM # 112
355 N. BELVEDERE DRIVE
GALLATIN, TN 37066

MEMBERS PRESENT:
MARK MCKEE JR., CHAIRMAN
BRUCE RAINEY, VICE-CHAIRMAN
SANDY WEBSTER
DON DICKERSON
MARSH RAGLAND, ALTERNATE MEMBER

MEMBERS ABSENT:
JAMES COLE

STAFF PRESENT:
GARY L. HAMMOCK, DIRECTOR OF CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT
LISA DUNAGAN-DIORIO, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
LEAH MAY DENNEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY

Motion for approval of July Minutes by Ms. Webster, seconded by Mr. Dickerson. Motion passed unanimously.

1. **JASON WORD/J. WORD PROPERTIES LLC**, IS REQUESTING A HARDSHIP VARIANCE TO CARE FOR HIS BROTHER'S WIFE'S FATHER FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 578/580 BRAZIER LANE, GALLATIN, TN., IS ON TAX MAP 93, PARCEL 8.01, CONTAINS 1.44 ACRES AND IS ZONED AGRICULTURAL. (FYI; SHELLY NORRIS WAS PRIOR PROPERTY OWNER) THIS IS A PUBLIC HEARING AND WAS ADVERTISED IN THE GALLATIN NEWS EXAMINER ON JULY 20, 2011. THE ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNERS WERE NOTIFIED BY CERTIFIED MAIL.

Mr. Jason Word came forward to represent this request. He stated he needed the hardship for father-in-law caretaker. Mr. Word furnished documentation from a nurse practitioner stating that Mr. Norris is receiving disability and hardship is still needed for housing.

Mr. Rainey asked Mr. Word if Mr. Norris lives at this address.
Mr. Word responded to Mr. Rainey that Mr. Norris does live at this address.

Chairman McKee opened the floor for the public hearing.

Gary Cornwell, adjoining property owner, came forward to state that both dwellings are being rented.

These people that they say are living there are not living there. He stated he missed the first meeting because he forgot the date. He asked how can you have a piece of property and claim so in so is living there and they are not living there to begin with.

Mr. Wallace Webb, adjoining property owner, came forward to state that Mr. T. C. Norris (who the hardship is for) has not lived there in at least four (4) years.

Chairman McKee closed the public hearing.

Mr. Rainey asked Mr. Word if he was aware of the requirements of a hardship variance.

Mr. Rainey explained that we granted these hardship cases in the past when a family member needs to care for another family member, not really wanting to live together. So you are saying Mr. Word that Mr. Norris lives there.

Mr. Word responded by saying that Mr. Norris lives there, he goes back and forth to the hospital. He does spend time away from the house because of medical care.

Mr. Rainey told Mr. Word that he did not think he was telling us the truth. Mr. Rainey stated that he and staff knocked on the door of both homes today, and met the renters of each house. I personally asked a question of both of the renters, do you know a Mr. T. C. Norris. They had never heard of him (Mr. T. C. Norris) at the house or the doublewide. Both of the renters have lived there for several years. What this amounts to is we do not have a single family member of Mr. Norris living at either location.

Motion to deny the request by Mr. Rainey, seconded by Mr. Dickerson. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Rainey stated to Mr. Hammock that if he (Mr. Word) needs thirty days to remove the mobile home, give him thirty days, if not I want it removed sooner.

Other business:

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.