Decatur County Board of Zoning Appeals Minutes Decatur County Courthouse 150 Courthouse Square Meeting Room

The regular scheduled meeting of the Decatur County Board of Zoning Appeals was convened at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at the Decatur County Courthouse. The meeting was called to order by Paul Stone. Present at the meeting was Paul Stone, Janey Livingston, Gary Fischer and Joyce Brindley. Absent was Jay Hatton. Also attending the meeting was Melissa Scholl, BZA Attorney, Krista Duvall – Area Plan Director, Debbie Martin – Administrative Assistant, Andy Scholle – Decatur County Surveyor and Kevin Fleetwood – Greensburg City Council.

Paul Stone called the meeting to order and read the following; to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Decatur County requests that participants in this meeting complete a voluntary, anonymous survey that is available on the table in the back of the room.

*Approval of minutes: The October 7, 2020 minutes were approved as mailed.

* **BZA Petition 2020-20** – **James Doll** is requesting a "**Conditional Use**" as provided in Decatur County Zoning Ordinance Section No 935 to process meat in a detached structure on his property. The property is currently owned by the petitioner and is located at 2226 E State Rd 46, Greensburg, in Washington Township.

James Doll: I am looking to process deer/hogs and cattle. All of the animals will be slaughtered on the farmers property. I have been in the business for 39 years, I have a walk-in cooler and freezer. It helps the farmer to be able to get their meat processed. I am waiting to get the approval tonight so that I can put in a 1000 gallon holding tank that will be pumped out by Mr. Mozingo. I will have an audible and visible alarm system. **Paul:** is there septic in that building or will all of the runoff be in that tank? **Jim**; all of the runoff will be in the tank, only septic on the property is in the house. The building is a 40 x 60, I have a little shop room in it. I have all the papers signed by the State. Paul; are there thresholds for volume? Jim; I will schedule folks in, doing on the side, will not be my full-time job. I have a son who will retire from the military and he will help. **Joyce**; is this just one on one, not set number to do per day? **James**; I will do one at a time. **Paul;** for clarification, we won't rezone, we are going this as a conditional use. There is a potential in some scenarios that that business would be a nuisance to your neighbors, this conditional use provides some checks and balances to protect the neighbors. We are not changing the zoning of your property. The state is probably asking for something like this as well. **Jim:** actually the county asked for it. **Audience: Randal Stone:** I think what he is talking about with the septic system, there will not be a leach field, is that correct? **Jim**; it's just going to be a tank. **Debbie**; Leon Nobbe stopped by the office, looked at the information on this petition and he sees no problems. Gary; there is a disconnect between the Federal and State regulations. There is a Congressman in Kentucky that had re-introduced a bill to be able to meet the Federal and the State regulations, the difference between the two were just putting people out of business and closing doors. Smaller lockers could not meet the criteria, I think it is a great thing to have on the local basis. **Paul;** there certainly seems to be a vacuum in this market.

Joyce Brindley made a motion to vote on BZA 2020-20; Janey Livingston seconded the motion will all 4 members present voting. Yes. **Paul**; your petition passes, thanks for coming in and following the process. Good luck with your venture.

| With no other business to | be brought before the board the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m. |
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| | Decatur County Board of Zoning Appeal |
| | Secretary, Gary Fischer |
| | Decatur County Area Plan Commission |
| ATTEST: | |
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| Paul Stone, President | Decatur County Board of Zoning Appeals |