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**FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
January 7, 2019
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

Staff: County Manager Beth Thomas
County Clerk Elaine Evans
County Attorney Bubba Samuels

Chairman Bridges called the January public hearing to order at 5:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone. The public hearing will be held for 30 minutes for three items giving an opportunity to speak for or against each one.

Conditional use permit for Aubrey Lunsford on Shackleford Road – Chairman Bridges recognized Maralee Ray of Re/Max Classic who spoke on Mr. Lunsford's behalf. Ms. Ray said she represents Christy Malcom the seller of the land located on Shackleford Road. Mr. Lunsford is a customer of Ms. Ray. The Planning Commission made recommendations of a forest barrier being around the edges of the property and planting one row of trees along the road front. Ms. Ray said Mr. Lunsford is in agreement with the recommendations from the Planning Commission and has also met all the setbacks. Chairman Bridges clarified that Mr. Lunsford is in agreement with the stipulations from the Planning Commission. Ms. Ray affirmed yes.

Chairman Bridges asked if anyone wished to speak against the request from Ms. Ray for Aubrey Lunsford. There was no opposition to the conditional use permit for Mr. Lunsford.

Conditional use permit for Paul & Yen Pham on Casey Road – Chairman Bridges asked Yen Pham to come forward and speak. Ms. Pham said the request is to tear down the current houses and rebuild. Chairman Bridges asked Ms. Pham what the recommendations from the Planning Commission are. Ms. Pham said it was regarding trees and if more trees need to be planted, she will plant them. Mrs. Thomas



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clarified the recommendation is for the trees to be maintained or added.

Chairman Bridges asked if anyone was opposed to the request from Ms. Pham for the conditional use permit for Casey Road. There was no opposition to the request from Ms. Pham.

Conditional use permit and variance request for New Beginnings Ministry – *Chairman Bridges asked Sharon Thompson to come forward and speak on behalf of the New Beginnings request. Ms. Thompson said New Beginnings is a state licensed alcohol and drug rehabilitation center for women. There is also a dormitory for women with children. The request is for a conditional use and variance to build more dorms to house women and children for transitional use to help them be able to get on with their lives. Chairman Bridges asked if anyone else wanted to comment about the request. Lisa Gillespie said New Beginnings is a blessing to the community.*

Dr. Macomson questioned if rezoning is being requested. Mrs. Thomas said Franklin County said there is not anything in Franklin County's zoning that allows New Beginnings to do what they do. New Beginnings is classified as a legal non-conforming use because they were in operation when Franklin County adopted zoning. Mrs. Thomas said New Beginnings does not meet any of the requirements for multi-family housing so the next option is to ask for a variance for their existing zoning and a conditional use. In past expansions New Beginnings asked for a conditional use permit and variance.

Commissioner Franklin questioned how many dorms they plan to build. Ms. Thompson said currently there are four dorms and seven homes with the plan to build another dorm by the church. With future plans to build a transitional dorm to house up to 15 people. Ms. Thompson said the current plan is to add two dorms.

Chairman Bridges asked if anyone would like to speak against the request from New Beginnings for a conditional use permit and variance. There was no opposition to the request from New Beginnings.

Chairman Bridges paused the meeting at 5:40 p.m. but remained open giving opportunity for anyone wishing to speak for or against the three items. There were no additional comments. Chairman Bridges closed the public hearing at 6:00 p.m.



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Signed on the _____ day of _____, 2019

Chairman J. Thomas Bridges

Robert L. Franklin, District 1 Commissioner

Dr. Jason Macomson, District 2 Commissioner

Ryan Swails, District 3 Commissioner

Eddie Wester, District 4 Commissioner

Elaine H. Evans, County Clerk