

Jones County Board of Adjustment

Meeting Minutes

December 19, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

Members present:

Cindy Hall, Chairperson
Stan Reiter
Roger Kisler
Paul Thomsen
John Hinz

Members absent:

None

Staff present:

Michele Lubben – Auditor’s office
Whitney Amos – Land Use Administrator

Visitors present:

Wayne Briggs, Motion Media representative
Bret Barner, owner

Chairperson Cindy Hall called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Introductions of the Board and visitors took place.

Motion by Hinz seconded by Thomsen to approve the agenda and November 21, 2023, meeting minutes. All aye. Motion carried.

Lubben welcomed new member Roger Kistler appointed by District 4 Supervisor Ned Rohwedder and thanked long time member Catherine Davies for her service.

Motion by Hinz seconded by Reiter to open the public hearing at 4:02 p.m. for applicant Motion Media Inc. and owner Barner Storage LLC, who have applied for a Variance for a parcel within the C-2 Highway Commercial District described as Lot 3 Barners 1st Addition containing 2.59 acres (parcel 05-36-328-003) in Section 36 of Cass Township. The Variance requested is to allow rebuilding an existing non-conforming off-premise freestanding sign that is within 1,000 feet of another off-premise sign. This Variance references regulations within Article XX Sign Requirements Section 3. B. 4. b. i. and Section 4. of Article XX within the Jones County Zoning Ordinance. All aye. Motion carried.

Lubben noted the Board received copies of the application, aerial map, and written report. The owner and applicant also received copies of the written report as required. Lubben noted three certified

letters were received and several were left as attempted, notice left or a delivery needed to be rescheduled. No written or verbal comments were received on the application.

The owner and applicant were present to give a brief overview of the proposal. Their intention is to replace the current structure and replace it with a single steel pole billboard. The post will be 24" in diameter and meet the requirements of 30' high. It will be lit by an LED light. It will be designed for a vinyl wrap. It was clarified that this is not a digital billboard. The sign will be 12' by 25' which meets the requirement of 300 square feet in area. It will be on private property (owned by Barner Storage LLC).

Motion by Thomsen seconded by Hinz to close the public hearing at 4:09 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Discussion by the Board of Adjustment took place. The Board reviewed the Variance checklist on page 3 of the written report independently.

Motion by Reiter seconded by Thomsen to approve the Variance application for Motion Media Inc. and owner Barner Storage LLC.

Roll call vote:

Reiter-Aye

Thomsen-Aye

Kistler - Aye

Hinz-Aye

Hall - Aye

All aye. Motion carried.

The application is approved. The Land Use Administrator will issue the approval to the owner and applicant. The red zoning signs will need to be returned by Barner in order to issue their approval.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16th, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. Application deadline is Wednesday, December 27, 2023.

Lubben discussed a possible joint meeting between the Board of Adjustment and the Planning & Zoning Commission in the near future.

Motion by Hinz seconded by Kistler to adjourn at 4:25 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.