

## Jones County Board of Adjustment

### Meeting Minutes

October 15, at 4:00 p.m.

#### Members present:

Paul Thomsen  
John Hinz  
Roger Kistler  
Kathy McDonell

#### Members Absent:

Stan Reiter

#### Staff present:

Whitney Amos – Land Use Administrator  
Jason Andrews- Sheriff's Office

#### Visitors present:

Steve Kula  
Rebecca Hollandsworth  
Courtney Jensen  
Brad Vonahsen

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

Motion by Hinz seconded by McDonell to approve the agenda. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Motion by Kistler seconded by McDonell to approve the meeting minutes for the August 20th meeting minutes.

Motion by Hinz seconded by McDonell to open the public hearing at 4:01 p.m. for owner Rebecca M. Hollandsworth who have applied for a Special Permitted Use within the A-Agricultural zoning district described as Commencing at the NE Corner of the SE 1/4 SE 1/4 Thence W 775.5' Thence S 412.5' Thence N 412.5' to place of beginning FRR 2.00 Acres in Section 35 of Fairview Township generally located at 20057 72nd St., Anamosa. More specifically, the proposal is to request an auxiliary dwelling for the property owner to live in while renovating the primary dwelling and then for her daughter to utilize

Amos noted that the Board received copies of the application, aerial map, and written report. The owner & applicant also received a copy of the written report as required. Amos noted that the adjacent landowners certified letters were received except one. One verbal comment was received prior to the meeting for the application, from a local farmer.

Amos read the comment out loud for the hearing "I am concerned about what is going on there. It used to be a beautiful place, and they have trashed it."

The issue of the trailer already being moved onto the property over the weekend was addressed. The property owner advised that the person hauling the trailer had an emergency so they had to move it that weekend or they would have to wait for two months. They had to make a driveway to get the trailer onto the property. This driveway was constructed without a permit from secondary roads. The property owners advised that the driveway has already been removed. There was some discussion about the state of the property and its violation of the nuisance ordinance. Hollandsworth advised that she is trying her best to clean up the property, but it is hard since she is only one person.

Kula made comments that the property is not in good shape. That the mobile home is sitting on the leach field of the primary residence. He stated that there should only be one dwelling per parcel, and this should not be allowed.

The main concern with the Board was the square footage of the primary dwelling in relation to the auxiliary dwelling. The Jones County Ordinance states that the auxiliary dwelling must be half of the square footage of the primary dwelling. The assessor's site states that the primary dwelling is 1297 sq. ft. The dimensions of the mobile home of 14x80 would make the auxiliary dwelling 1120 sq. ft. which would be larger than half. The property owners stated that they do not believe that the addition they added in 2020 is included in the square footage.

Motion by Hinz seconded by McDonell to close the public hearing at 4:20 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hinz seconded by McDonell to table the Special Permitted Use application for owners Rebecca M. Hollandsworth who have applied for a special permitted use for an auxiliary dwelling at 20057 72<sup>nd</sup> St., Anamosa until square footage of each dwelling can be verified by the Assessor's Office.

Roll call vote:

Paul Thomsen- Aye

John Hinz- Aye

Roger Kistler- Aye

Kathy McDonnell-Aye

All aye. Motion carried.

It was further discussed that it will be up to the property owner to contact the Assessor's Office to determine the square footage of both dwellings. This information will need to be given to Amos by the next meeting deadline of October 30, 2024. In the meantime, there cannot be any utilities hooked up or any work done to the trailer until the Board of Adjustment has made a decision.

The next regular scheduled meeting is November 19, 2024, with the application deadline being Wednesday October 30, 2024

Motion by Hinz seconded by Kistler to adjourn at 4:33 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.