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Bath County Board of Zoning Appeals

Bath County Courthouse – Room 115

June 15, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Janice O’Farrell, Vice-Chair Scott Miller, Rick Armstrong, Richard Hise

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jason Miller

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: Mike Bollinger (press)

STAFF PRESENT: Sherry Ryder.

Chairman O’Farrell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT—MATTERS UNRELATED TO THE AGENDA: None

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: None.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- The Bath County Airport Authority/County of Bath – (TM#94-25) – Conditional Use Permit application to conduct a carnival rides at 6240 Airport Road in conjunction with various functions. The property is commonly known as Ingalls Field. The property comprises of 353.06 acres situated in the Valley Springs Magisterial District and is zoned A-2 Agricultural General.

Chairman O’Farrell: I now open the Public Hearing.

Sherry Ryder gave an overview of the application. She said, this will be only at the Airport and only when the County is sponsoring/co-sponsoring an event. The Carnival Company has their own insurance but when a carnival event is under the County’s insurance. This permit cannot be for any event given by a private person or group that the County is not actively involved. There are pictures of the rides in your packet. The rides will be manned by paid staff of the carnival company. The rides will not have a charge. This is to promote a more family oriented activity and get families involved. Right now it is for Wings and Wheels, but it could be used for something else later on. At this time, there may be only a couple events a year.

Sherry Ryder: The Planning Commission recommend approval for a five year permit, to see how things go. If you have any questions I will answer them on behalf of the County and Maggie Anderson.

Vice-Chair Miller: How do we assure that they are a reputable Company?

Sherry Ryder: That's a good question. Maggie is pretty good at doing her homework. Most of the rides are very mild as far as accident risk. Maggie probably checked them out. I will ask Maggie to make sure they are reputable and in good standing.

Rich Hise asked if the rides in the pictures were the same rides that would be at the event.

Sherry Ryder: Yes, these are the rides they will have at the Wings and Wheels event. There are eight or so rides. They all have an age limit and/or a height and weight limit.

Chairman O'Farrell: Did Maggie ask if the County's insurance would cover the event?

Sherry Ryder: I asked the Administrator and he assured that everything was in line when the Tourism Department applied for a Building Permit for the carnival rides. A different inspector will come in to inspect the rides.

When I got the building permit I questioned it and brought it to their attention that they also needed a Conditional Use Permit. They agreed to abide to their own rules and regulations that they put forth for other organizations and fill out that application as well.

Chairman O'Farrell asked if anyone had a problem with passing the permit for five years.

Everyone agreed that a five year permit was a good start for this kind of permit.

Chairman O'Farrell: I now close the Public Hearing. Do I hear a motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit for the Bath County Airport Authority/County of Bath?

Richard Hise: I make the motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit for the Bath County Airport Authority/County of Bath to conduct a carnival rides as applied for with a term of five years.

Vice-Chair Miller seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman Janice O'Farrell said that she has finished her BZA certification class. She gave an overview of the meetings she attended and how much time she devoted to homework. She felt it was worth the time and had learned a lot.

STAFF REPORT

Sherry Ryder: The staff report is in the packet if anyone has any questions.

OLD BUSINESS:None

NEW BUSINESS:Election of Officers
Vice-Chair Scott Miller nominated Janice O'Farrell for Chair.

Rick Armstrong seconded the motion.

VOTE:3-0-1 (Janice O'Farrell abstained)

Rick Armstrong nominated Scott Miller for Vice-Chair

Richard Hise seconded the motion.

VOTE: 3-0-1 (Scott Miller abstained)

Rick Armstrong nominated Sherry Ryder for Secretary.

VOTE: 4-0

MINUTES:

Chairman O'Farrellpointed out a misspelling on Dr. Chandler's name to be corrected.

Chairman O'Farrell: Do I hear a motion to approve the minutes of May 18, 2015?

Rick Armstrong: I make a motion to approve the minutes of May 18, 2015 with correction.

Richard Hise seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4-0

Chairman O'Farrell: One of the things Dr. Chandler brought out at the class, was being a small group, did we use the "Simplified, Roberts Rule of Order".

Sherry Ryder: We would have to make an amendment to our By-Laws in order to use it. I will look into it.

Chairman O'Farrell asked for a motion to adjourn.

Richard Hisemotioned to adjourn

Rich Armstrongseconded the motion.

Chairman O'Farrelladjourned the meeting.

Janice O'Farrell, Chairman

Date