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***MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF  
GALLATIN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
AND  
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT***

The Gallatin County Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment met for their scheduled meetings on June 2, 2020, at 7:00 PM at the M.E. Bogardus Extension Office Building Annex, 395 US 42 West, Warsaw, Kentucky 41095.

In attendance were:

James Hansen, Administrator

Brian Newsome, Legal Counsel

Planning Commission Members Present:

Rick Ackerman

Skip Bannick

Skip Smith

Aggie Finfrock

Alexandra Weldon

Chuck Welte

Jack Webster

Mickey Humphries

Board of Adjustment Members Present:

There was nothing scheduled for this Board and there meeting was cancelled to assist in compliance with COVID 19 restrictions

With a quorum present the meeting was called to order by Planning Commission Chairman Skip Smith. There were not minutes available from the March Meeting, but they will be made available at the July meeting. There were no meetings held in April or May Due to COVID 19 restrictions.

The meeting began with new member Alexandra Weldon receiving the Oath of Office from Judge Executive Ryan Morris.

Annual Election of Officers were held with the following results:

Skip Smith Nominated for Chairman by Rick Ackerman with second by Jack Webster  
Alexandra Weldon was nominated for Chairman by Aggie Finfrock but lacked a second.  
With no further nominations for Chairman vote was held and Skip Smith was confirmed by unanimous vote of members present.

Alexandra Weldon was nominated for Vice Chairman by Aggies Finrock with a second by Jack Webster. No further nominations were heard for Vice Chairman. Vote was held and Alexandra Weldon was confirmed by unanimous consent of members present.

Chairman Smith advised that this was a duly advertised public meeting for the purpose of hearing a presentation to allow construction of a Communications Tower at 1380 Highway 1039, Sanders Ky 41083. Mr. Pike, from Pike Legal Group, advised he was representing Skyway Towers and Verizon Wireless who were seeking to install a 199-foot tower complete with lightning protection. In Mr. Pikes' presentation he advised that the application was in compliance with all Federal and State guidelines which was confirmed by Administrator Hansen. Mr. Pike entertained questions from the Board which involved confirming that there would be no interference issues with existing towers or the new airport when construction was completed. Mr. Pike confirmed that both concerns were addressed with both the State and Federal Agencies during that part of the conformation process. There were questions about reception improvement to which Mr. Pike responded that both stability and overall performance should be enhanced but he was not sure of exact performance improvements. There was a question regarding interference with other providers and Mr. Pike advised that this was also reviewed during the confirmation process with the State and Federal groups. He also advised that there was room for 4 additional antennas on this tower and they would be leased to anyone wishing to locate new equipment and this was standard procedure within the industry to try and reduce the overall number of towers in each locale.

With no further questions Alexandra Weldon made the motion to approve the Communication Tower as proposed in the application. This motion was seconded by Jack Webster and approved with unanimous consent of members present. Administrator will follow up with letter of approval.

There were some questions and concerns about the "mild to wild" event held recently on property for which a Conditional Use had been issued. After some discussion it was decided to table until such time as the Board of Adjustment is present as this matter actually falls under their jurisdiction.

With no further issues Rick Ackerman made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Jack Webster and approved by unanimous consent.

Next Meeting is schedule for July 7, 2020.

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Skip Smith – Chairman

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Brian Newman – Legal Council