

Lamar County Board of Commissioners
Public Hearing
July 16th, 2019
7:00 P.M.

Special Exception App # 2019-02 by Fortified Telecom

Building and Zoning Director Buice presented Special Exception App# 2019-02 Fortified Telecom. This is for a 150 ft. cell tower, on behalf of Verizon Wireless, to be built on property located at 1481 Hwy 341 S, in Land Lot 142 of the 7th District, as shown on Tax Map 063 Parcel 036: and recorded in Deed Book 734, page 319. The property contains 20.43 acres and is owned by Mark Hocking. The Planning and Zoning board approved this request and there was no one at that Special Exception Public Hearing for comment. Dr. Greg Spence was present to answer any questions.

Dr. Greg Spence of 86 Bull River Bluff Drive, Savannah, Ga, on behalf of Verizon Wireless and representing Fortified Telecom, addressed the board. He said they are requesting to put a 150 ft. cell tower to provide coverage on Hwy 341. Dr. Spence provided an FAA study of airspace as the tower will be registered with the FCC. He further provided a brief overview and coverage maps of the area and the elevation plans. Dr. Spence said that he was there tonight to seek approval from the board.

Chairman Glass said that one of the documents shows a 150 ft. pole with a 10 ft. lighting rod but the drawing is showing a 5 ft lighting rod. Dr. Spence stated that it was actually a 5 ft. lighting rod and a 145 ft. cell tower per Verizon's requirements but the County requires in the Special Exception that it be a 150 ft. cell tower. The tower itself will be 150 ft. Chairman Glass asked if they support First Net which is the First Responders network. Dr. Spence responded that it supports and covers whatever Verizon is a party to then it does. He said that E911 is one of the biggest benefits to having the coverage.

Cynthia Wadsworth of 2604 Eufaula Hwy, Georgetown, Georgia asked how many medical helicopters had landed in that area and how many medical flights there were because of potential hazards. Dr. Spence responded that he did not have that type of information to present at tonight's meeting.

Adjournment

Commissioner Horton made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing at approximately 7:09 p.m. and Vice-Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Attest: _____ Carlette Davidson, County Clerk