

LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING
August 15th, 2023
7:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Traylor called the meeting to order. Present for the meeting were Chairman Traylor, Vice-Chair Thrash, Commissioner Fletcher, Commissioner Lovett, Commissioner Gilles, County Administrator Townsend, County Clerk Davidson, and County Attorney Mayfield. The meeting was available via Zoom.

II. Special Exception by Paul Frady and Holly Graves to allow for Agritourism and Event Center on Tax Map 044 Parcel 032 902 Hwy 41 South

Planning and Community Development Director Buice addressed the board. The applicant's Paul Frady and Holly Graves, are requesting for a Special Exception in Agriculture: Agritourism and Event Center. The property is located on 902 Hwy 41 South (Tax Map 077, Parcel 032). There are 35 acres on the farm with horses, and is used agriculturally and for small scale agritourism. They built a chapel on the property in which they were married. Their family and friends have encouraged them to open this up as an event center. There was no opposition at the Board of Appeals meeting. They have been working with the Georgia Department of Transportation on requirements for a commercial driveway.

III. Public Comments

Paul Frady of 902 Hwy 41 South, Barnesville, Georgia addressed the board. Mr. Frady said he had lived here for two years, and it feels like Mayberry. He said that there is a safe feeling living in Lamar County, Barnesville, Georgia. He thanked the Planning and Community Development Department Director Buice, Katherine Smith, Tax Assessor Haddock, and the people from the Tax Commissioners' office for being so nice to work with during this process. Mr. Frady said he built a pole barn in June that they got married in. He said it is a perfect site with cows, chickens, and turkeys. Their purpose is to give back to the community, and they would like to open it up to Church groups, Kindergarten classes, Weddings, Birthday Parties, and School tours. This will be free of charge except for the wedding venues. The only concerns of the neighbors were traffic and noise. He said that driveway is 970 ft., and the closest neighbor is three football fields away. If there are any complaints, they will take care of them. The GDOT gave them permission to use the existing driveway with changes for widening it so that two cars can pass by after you come off the highway. Mr. Frady is working with a civil engineer.

Commissioner Lovett spoke to the applicants, and they agreed to the following conditions. Cease the use of amplified sound and music at 9:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, 8:00 p.m. on Sundays, and no amplified sound and music on

weekdays; All GDOT requirements must be met before an event can be held. In the event GDOT requirements have not been constructed in one year from this date then the parties agree that Lamar County may file a petition to return the property to its original zoning classification.

IV. Adjournment

Commissioner Lovett made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing at approximately 6:26 p.m. Commissioner Fletcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Ryran Traylor, Chairman

Nancy Thrash, Vice-Chair

Jarrod Fletcher, Commissioner

Jason Lovett, Commissioner

Ashley Gilles, Commissioner

Attest: _____ Carlette Davidson, County Clerk