

WALTON COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS

February 18, 2025

Members Present: Henry Kines, Harold Moon, Jr., William Malcom, Mariellen Barnes, Jim Cleveland, Billy Mitchell and Chris Lammey

Members Absent: All members were present.

Planning and Development officials: Charna Parker & Tracie Malcom

Chairman Henry Kines called the meeting to order.

Invocation: Henry Kines

“The Pledge of Allegiance” to the flag.

Roll Call: All the members were present.

The minutes to the December 17, 2024, meeting. Harold Moon, Jr. made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Mariellen Barnes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. A24-0048-Appeal driveway requirements-Applicants/Owners: Joshua & Kevyn Morris-Property located at 2100 Queens Cemetery Rd-Map/Parcel C1820031-District 4

Presentation: Joshua Morris represented the case. Mr. Morris stated he is looking to appeal to not have to put a concrete or asphalt driveway. His driveway is 60 ft. wide. He stated that he drives big trucks and trailers on the driveway. Mr. Morris stated that the paved apron is to protect the road, however, this road is not in good condition anyway. He has the driveway on a high area and the water flows away from the road. Mr. Morris stated that he has added quite a bit of rock on the driveway. He went on to state that he was told at first that he did not need to put in a culvert pipe there but then 3 weeks later was told that the culvert pipe was required. Mr. Morris stated that if he paved the driveway to county specs that it would be very expensive and went on to state that his house is in the very back of the property. Mr. Morris stated that he does a hobby sawmill and there is a guy that cuts hay in the back of the property. He stated that he feels it doesn't make sense to put a concrete or asphalt driveway there if there are large trucks and trailers coming on the driveway because it would tear it up. He stated that people come down the road at 70 to 75 miles per hour around a curve which is dangerous. He went on to say that ½ of the driveways on that road only have rock and some are paved.

Jim Cleveland asked if that if we allowed gravel would Mr. Morris agree to keep it maintained and Mr. Morris stated that he would. Mr. Morris stated that this will be the main driveway to the house.

Mr. Morris went on to state that he keeps rock on the property in case he needs to add more to the driveway.

Speaking: No one

Motion: William Malcom recused himself from the case. Jim Cleveland made a motion to approve the request with a second by Chris Lammey. The motion carried unanimously.

2. A24-0068-Appeal decision to have the required garage no less than 400 square feet enclosed-Applicants/Owners: Benjamin & Ashley Bradley-Property located at 1777 Bradley Gin Rd-Map/Parcel C1770003D00-District 5

Presentation: Benjamin & Ashley Bradley represented the case. They are appealing not to have the required garage. Henry Kines asked why they did not want to do the garage and Ms. Bradley stated that the house is ½ mile off the road and they are surrounded by family property. Mr. Bradley stated that his parents have a barn they could use for storage if needed. He stated that putting a required garage would be extremely expensive and they did not want to have to borrow money for a garage. Billy Mitchell asked how many acres was the family property and Mr. Bradley stated 190 acres but theirs is only 5 acres that was taken out of the 190 acres due to the property being in conservation. Mr. Bradley stated that his parents live on the property and his brother lives on the corner.

Speaking: No one

Motion: Billy Mitchell made a motion to approve the request with a second by William Malcom. The motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for 2025

The floor was open for nominations to serve as chairperson for 2025. Jim Cleveland nominated Henry Kines with a second by Harold Moon, Jr. There were no further nominations. The motion carried for Henry Kines to serve as chairperson.

The floor was open for nominations to serve as vice-chairperson for 2025. Harold Moon, Jr. nominated Mariellen Barnes with a second by William Malcom. There were no further nominations. The motion carried for Mariellen Barnes to serve as Vice-chairperson.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Henry Kines, Chairman
Walton County Board of Appeals

Tracie Malcom, Executive Secretary
Walton County Board of Appeals