

**Pike County Board of Appeals  
Minutes  
September 15, 2016**

The Pike County Board of Appeals held its scheduled monthly meeting on September 15, 2016, at 7:00 pm in the Pike County Board of Commissioner's meeting room located at 79 Jackson Street, Zebulon, Georgia. Members present were Chairperson Ron Snowden, Vice Chairperson Brent Taylor, Bonnie Byrd Gardner, Meredith Sorrow, and Leslie Ratliff. Also present was Ginny Blakeney of the Commissioners' Office who recorded the meeting. Several members of the public were present.

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ron Snowden at 7:00 p.m.**
- II. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Brent Taylor and seconded by Leslie Ratliff. Vote 5/0**
- III. A motion to approve the April 21, 2016 meeting minutes was made by Bonnie Byrd Gardner and seconded by Leslie Ratliff. Vote 5/0**

**A motion to approve the June 16, 2016 meeting minutes was made by Meredith Sorrow and seconded by Leslie Ratliff. Vote 5/0**

**A motion to approve the August 18, 2016 meeting minutes was made by Bonnie Byrd Gardner and seconded by Meredith Sorrow. Vote 5/0**

**IV. New Business:**

**Public Hearing:**

SUP-16-01 – 555 Trust, property owner, and Juanita Morgan, beneficiary for 555 Trust, applicant, are requesting a special use permit in an M-2B zoned district to erect a tent for a short duration religious revival on the subject property. The subject property, located at 2141 U.S. Hwy. 41, has approximately 206 feet of frontage along the western side of U.S. Hwy. 41. The property is located in Land Lot 154 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> District of Pike County, Georgia. The property consists of 3.31 acres and is further identified as Tax Map Parcel #086 070.

The case was introduced, and Juanita Morgan was present to answer any further questions.

The public hearing was opened.

Ray Lowe spoke in favor of the request. He is the brother of the applicant, and will be the preacher for the revival. He said that the revival would last from 7 to 10 days. There would be a 48 foot by 70 foot tent erected to accommodate no more than 125 people. He is requesting the

meeting to help others in the area. The revival would start at 7 pm and finish around 9 pm. There is a possibility that weather could interfere with it being scheduled in November.

Board member Meredith Sorrow addressed signage, food and drink, and porta potties. Mr. Lowe said that there would be a 4 foot by 8 foot temporary sign posted. There would be no food or drink served. There would be porta potties on site.

Meredith Sorrow asked what held up the application process (Board of Commissioners meeting on October 12<sup>th</sup>)? The September 27<sup>th</sup> Board of Commissioners meeting was cancelled.

No one spoke in opposition to the request.

**A motion to recommend approval of the special use permit request with the listed conditions and to forward it to the Board of Commissioners was made by Bonnie Byrd Gardner and seconded by Leslie Ratliff. Vote 5/0**

**V. Discussion:**

Future specification on whether special use permits are final rulings by the Board of Appeals or if they go to the Board of Commissioners. Confusion on this issue.

**VI. Adjournment: 7:15 pm**

**A motion to adjourn was made by Ron Snowden and seconded by Bonnie Byrd Gardner. Vote 5/0**