

**AGENDA**  
**Planning & Zoning Meeting September 18, 2024**

1. **Call to order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Minutes**
4. **Old Business - Status of Blasé Feedlots**
5. **Administrator / Board Comments:**
6. **Public Comment** (Limit of 5 minutes)
7. **Public Hearing for Communication tower by Industrial Tower West, Jeff Polski, landowner, NE ¼ Section 15-T15N-R11W.**
8. **Public hearing for Application by Daniel & Shannon Bergman, requesting one (1) or two (2) RV's to be used for living quarters during home construction for up to 3 years. W ½ NW ¼ of Section 21 -T15N - R10W**
9. **Discussion & Possible Action: Blasé Vet Clinic Update**

**MINUTES**

A meeting of the Howard County Planning & Zoning Commission was convened in Open and Public session on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

Chairman Terry Spilinek called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. and the Open Meeting Act was recognized. Administrator Klinginsmith read the Notice of Meeting. A proof of publication is filed at the Howard County Clerk's Office. Roll call showed 7 members present: Daryl Anderson, Jack Reimers, Jeff Christensen, Chris Kosmicki, Terry Spilinek, Kenneth Kozisek and Dave Sack. Absent members were Randy Kauk, Ron Kulwicki. Also, present were Cherri Klinginsmith, Planning & Zoning Administrator and Jennifer Ostendorf, Planning and Zoning Secretary. Dave Schroeder, County Attorney was absent. Members of the public were Tylor Robinson, James Gdanitz, Cassidy VanMeter, Chris Riha, Laurie Spotanski, Stacy Spotanski, Gunnar Brehhammer, Brandon Connick, Jeff Polski, Daniel Bergman, Kathleen Fox and Anton Oltjen.

The agenda and minutes were e-mailed and mailed to the board members prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Jack Reimers and seconded by Dave Sack to approve the minutes from the June 19, 2024 meeting. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Old Business - Status of Blasé Feedlots** – Administrator Klinginsmith updated the board on the progress by Blasé Feedlots in fixing the drainage issues on their pivot corner pens. Administrator Klinginsmith had driven by the area that day and took pictures to share with the board. Brandon Connick, Blasé's attorney was present and stated that Ms Klinginsmith's update was very thorough and correct. Jeff Christensen mentioned that he drove by and looked at progress himself. He states that his only concern is that with the pens now being so much higher than the road, what will happen to the water now if we get a large rain since there is not much of a ditch? Ken Kozisek asked if there was water that stood on the road prior to Blasé having cattle in pens? If so, then he thought it wouldn't be Blasé's responsibility to fix drainage in ditch. Board members voiced their agreement with Kozisek. Administrator Klinginsmith said she would discuss this with the road department.

**Public Hearing for Communication tower by Industrial Tower West, Jeff Polski, landowner, NE ¼ Section 15-T15N-R11W.** Chairman Spilinek opened the public hearing. Chris Riha was present to represent Industrial Tower. Chris explained to the board the plans, which he had presented a very

detailed packet of information ahead of time for the board to review ahead of time. Chairman Spilinek asked for any testimony in favor or against. With non either way the public hearing was closed. Discussion among the board was had. Chris Kosmicki moved to approve the communication tower by Industrial Tower, Jeff Polski landowner. Dave Sack seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 7-0 roll call vote. Finding of Fact is attached. Yes - Daryl Anderson, Jack Reimers, Jeff Christensen, Chris Kosmicki, Terry Spilinek, Kenneth Kozisek and Dave Sack.

**Public hearing for Application by Daniel & Shannon Bergman, requesting one (1) or two (2) RV's to be used for living quarters during home construction for up to 3 years. W ½ NW ¼ of Section 21 -T15N - R10W** Chairman Spilinek opened the public hearing. Daniel Bergman was present to represent his request. He told the board it is self-explanatory and was open to discussion. Chairman Spilinek asked for testimony in favor. Administrator Klingensmith read a letter we received in favor from Nancy & Roger Downs. With no other in favor, he asked for testimony opposing. The administrator read a letter opposing from Cindy Paustian as well as she received a call from Mark Starky opposing as well. Kathleen Fox spoke stating that she doesn't think this should be allowed for 3 years. She said they recently built a house during pandemic, and they still had it complete within a year. With no further discussion the Chairman Spilinek closed the public hearing and opened discussion to board members. After much discussion Jack Reimers moved to allow 2 campers for 1 year while home is built. Jeff Christensen seconded the motion. Motion was passed with a 5-2 roll call vote. Finding of Fact attached. Yes - Jack Reimers, Jeff Christensen, Chris Kosmicki, Terry Spilinek, and Kenneth Kozisek No - Daryl Anderson and Dave Sack.

**Discussion & Possible Action: Blasé Vet Clinic Update – Administrator Klingensmith discussed with the board the Blasé Vet Clinic.** Administrator Klingensmith and Board member Ron Kulwicki had received some complaints about the number of cattle at the clinic. Blasé had provided a report of cattle that had been at clinic for the last 3 months. Attorney Brandon Connick was present to explain the report. After much discussion of the report, it was said that the public going by can't tell if they are new cattle or cattle that have been in the pens for a long time. Public perception is that there are a lot of cattle there all the time.

Looking at the reports given, the space is still being used as a processing facility in- which it was approved for. The board recommends using something more for fly control since having new cattle in and out the feed additive, clarify, discussed may not be working right away. Administrator Klingensmith will check on the silage pile nearby to address fly issue there. The board also recommends that the administrator request a quarterly report of cattle coming in and out of the vet processing facility from here forward.

With no further discussion Dave Sack moved to adjourn the meeting with Jack Reimers seconding the motion. The motion was passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Jennifer Ostendorf  
Planning & Zoning Secretary