

GRANT COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

MINUTES September 8, 2025, 6:00 PM

GRANT COUNTY OFFICE COMPLEX

County Council Chambers-First Floor

401 South Adams Street, Marion, Indiana 46953

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
 - 2.1 Members present: Randy Atkins, Bill Johnson, Lois Jones, Chip Long, John Pearson, Daniel Young, and Chairman, Ed Hartman.
 - 2.2 Staff Present: Todd Glancy, Belinda Benfield
Attorney David Glickfield
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - 3.1 Randy Atkins made a motion to approve the June 16th, 2025, meeting minutes, seconded by Lois Jones. Vote: Randy Atkins, Bill Johnson, Lois Jones, Chip Long, John Pearson voted to approve. Daniel Young abstained. Motion passed.
 - 3.2 The August 4th, 2025 meeting minutes were tabled, since they were not yet prepared.
4. Old Business: None
5. New Business: None

6. Public Hearings:

6.1 1812 Special Exception Docket 014-25

Daniel Young made a motion seconded Bill Johnson to grant the special exception request with the following conditions:

Approval applies only to the 2025 event, specifically scheduled for October 3–5, 2025.

A post-event report must be submitted to the APC office no later than December 31, 2025.

The following entities must be named as additional insured on your event insurance policy: Grant County, City of Marion, City of Gas City, Mississinewa Community Schools, and Marion Community Schools.

All required health department permits and food/vendor certifications must be obtained and filed in the Area Plan office prior to setup.

Any request to hold future events will require a new special exception, with the following deadlines and requirements:

- 1) Application due by May 1, 2026, targeting the June 2026 BZA hearing.

- 2) A revised and detailed ingress/egress traffic plan.
- 3) Documentation of neighborhood impact mitigation (e.g., complaints addressed, public coordination, improvements made).

Public notice of cannon fire and battle demonstrations must be published at least two weeks in advance of the 2025 event.

Vote: Randy Atkins, Bill Johnson, Lois Jones, Chip Long, John Pearson, Daniel Young voted to approve. The special exception was granted.

6.2 Cell Tower special Exception Docket 009-25

Bill Johnson made a motion approve docket 009-25. Ed Hartman proposed an amendment to the motion to require that the company provide FAA certification prior to issuance of the building permit. Randy Atkins moved to accept the amendment, with John Pearson seconding. The amendment passed unanimously by voice vote. Chip Long then seconded Bill Johnson’s amended motion. Upon roll-call vote, Randy Atkins, Bill Johnson, Lois Jones, Chip Long, John Pearson, and Daniel Young voted to approve the special exception. The motion passed.

6.3 Cell Tower Special Exception Docket 012-25

Bill Johnson made a motion approve docket 012-25 with the requirement that the company provide FAA certification prior to issuance of the building permit, seconded by Randy Atkins. Upon roll-call vote, Randy Atkins, Bill Johnson, Lois Jones, Chip Long, John Pearson, and Daniel Young voted to approve the special exception. The motion passed.

- 7. Daniel Young made a motion to adjourn seconded by Randy Atkins. All members present responded in the affirmative. No objections were raised. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Approved this 3 day of NOVEMBER, 2025
Board of Zoning Appeals, Chairman, Ed Hartman

Ed Hartman

*CHIP LONG
AND DAN YOUNG*