

**MINUTES of the GRANT COUNTY
AREA BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
December 1, 2014**

A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE GRANT COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS was held on Monday, December 1, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. on the first floor of the Grant County Office Complex at 401 South Adams Street, Marion, Indiana.

The following members were present: William Johnson, Lois Jones, Bob Monroe, Karen Owen, Chip Long, Chairman.

Members absent: Doug Kingseed and Teresa Mendoza.

Staff present was Executive Director Steve Niblick and Recording Secretary Debbie Wallace.

Chip Long brought the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bill Johnson moved Lois Jones seconded that the minutes from September 8, 2014 be approved; all members present voted yes, vote was 5–0, motion carried.

Steve Niblick went over the rules and procedures.

Docket: 03SP-14 **Public Hearing** **Name:** Upland Health & Diagnostic Center LLC

Address: 1809 S Main Street, Upland, Indiana

Zoning District: Professional Business (PB)

Legal Description: Being 5.25 acres more or less and located in the Southeast Quarter of Section 10 in Jefferson Township, Upland Corp, Grant County, Indiana.

Steve Niblick – the request is to approve a Special Exception in a Professional Business zone district; this is the first time this request has been heard. There are three (3) criteria that must be met for a special exception:

- 1) Located in a district where it is allowed;
- 2) Requirements set forth in the district and all setback requirements of the ordinance will be met;
- 3) Special Exception is consistent with the spirit, purpose and intent of these regulations; will not substantially or permanently injure the appropriate use of the neighboring property and will serve the convenience and welfare.

The main purpose of the proposed wireless tower is to communicate with Marion General Hospital; as of today no evidence has been provided by neighbors that this tower would substantially injure their appropriate use of property. Based on the criteria staff recommends approval of this special exception.

Dave Hadley, Wireless Networking Solutions, 6100 Primrose Path, Lafayette, Indiana was present representing the petition. The proposal is a tower for wireless computer networking; a link has already been done from Marion General Hospital to the Gas City location. Now that they have purchased the facility in Upland, they want to expand that connection to Upland and

increase the speed to be able to transmit diagnostic records, medical imaging etc. The tower will be one hundred forty (140) feet in height for better line of sight.

The tower foundation will meet plan specifications submitted to the office; the lower six (6) feet will be screened and it will be made so no one could climb up it.

No objectors were in the audience and none on file.

Motion: Lois Jones moved Bill Johnson seconded to approve Docket #03SP-14 as presented. All members present voted yes; vote was 5-0; motion carried.

Other Business:

Because of information submitted at last meeting (without it going through the Plan department) Bill Johnson requested that all information to be passed out to the Board go through the Area Plan office prior to be given to the board.

Steve Niblick stated that he feels that anyone attending a meeting should be able to submit information at the meeting; however, if the board wants everything to go through the office he will make sure that everyone is told that when they contact the office.

Motion: Bill Johnson moved Lois Jones seconded to have all information go to the Area Plan office before being presented to the board. All members present voted yes; vote 5-0; motion carried.

There being no other business Bill Johnson moved and Lois Jones seconded to adjourn, vote 5-0; meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Chip Long, Chairman