

COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC HEARING – AUGUST 6, 2007

Sharon A. Ray called the meeting to order at 10:39 a.m. with Patricia G. Geissman and Stephen D. Hambley present.

The purpose of the public hearing was to discuss the Flood Damage Reduction Regulations. This was the second of two public hearings. An attendance sheet is attached as Exhibit A.

Dan Willhoite, County Engineers' Office, explained the changes to the regulations in detail at the last public hearing on Monday, July 30. He added that they incorporated a section into these revisions on how to handle variances from the regulations because the higher standards for compensatory storage may create more variance applications. They worked with Assistant Prosecutor Bill Thorne to provide the wording to assist the Variance Board in handling those types of applications. Specifically, there are a series of things an applicant would have to show to demonstrate hardship to be able to obtain a variance. They also put in some provisions that, after all of those points are considered, the property owner would minimize encroachment to the floodplain and have created as much compensatory storage on the lot as possible.

Mr. Willhoite said Bill Thorne wanted the Commissioners to know that there is a set of variance guidelines and the County Engineers' Office (floodplain administrator) would make sure that the Variance Board has those variance guidelines if, and when, they receive an application for a variance.

There were no further questions or comments. At 10:45 a.m., there was a motion by Mrs. Geissman and a second by Mr. Hambley to close the public hearing. There was no discussion. Roll call showed all Commissioners voting AYE.

All deliberations concerning official business and formal actions by this Board of Commissioners were conducted in an open public meeting this sixth day of August, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,	COMMISSIONERS	_____
		Sharon A. Ray
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_____		Patricia G. Geissman
Pam Vereb, Clerk	MEDINA COUNTY	_____
		Stephen D. Hambley