**BZA minutes September 2nd, 2026**

**Sandra Jackson called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.**

**Roll call was answered by: Sandra Jackson; Dohn Green; Marc Webb; Stormy Richardson; Director Mike Holzback; Absent was attorney Geoff Wesling; Virgil Bremer no longer on the board as a commissioner appointment.**

**Dohn Green moved to approve minutes from August 5th, seconded by Stormy Richardson, all voted aye.**

**BZA 2026-4: A special exception request for a CFO of 5600 head of swine from Ryan and Annie Dierckman, located on 400 S & 700 E Glenwood. Findings of fact were presented by the director. Dan Kinker, from Kinker consulting explained the project with a PowerPoint presentation. No questions from the board to him and Sandra opened the public hearing. Attorney Julie Newhouse was there to represent Nancy Evans, a nearby resident. An original hog barn was established there before Evans built their home. Hog barn was built in 1998; Evans home was built in 2000. She wanted strict controls on the operation. Ryan Neuman, Wim Hulsbosch, Jeff Amos, all spoke in support of the CFO. Sandra closed the public hearing and asked for a motion. Dohn Green moved to approve the special exception, Marc Webb seconded the motion, and all voted aye, 4-0. Dierckman's also asked for a variance from front and side setback distances from the ordinance requirements. No public comment was heard and Dohn Green moved to approve the variances as requested, Marc Webb seconded and all voted aye, 4-0.**

**BZA 2026-5: Robert Hershberger requesting a special exception for a welding shop at 4025 W 750 S Rushville, an A-3 zone. The director gave finding of facts and Robert came to the podium and explained he wanted this shop to provide for his family. Sandra opened the public hearing and there was no one that spoke. Sandra asked for a motion, Dohn Green moved to approve seconded by Marc Webb and all voted aye, 4-0.**

Directors report: the director talked about recent complaints the office has fielded. September 16,17, &18 offices will be closed and moving to the John Deere building on US 52 at the west end of town. Meetings starting in October will be held at the Sheriff's office training room until renovation to the courthouse is complete.

Sandra asked for a motion to adjourn, Stormy moved to adjourn seconded by Marc, all voted aye.

Chairman

Secretary