

Health and Safety Standards Board

June 10th, 2020

Meeting Room 310, Cumberland County Courthouse

Members Present:

Commissioner Nancy Hyder
Bobby Rhea
Tom Isham
Craig Clark
Joe Koester

Others Present:

9 constituents
Heather Mullinax, Crossville Chronicle
Colleen Mall, 9th District Commissioner
Philip Burnett, County Attorney

Call to Order: All members present, Commissioner Hyder called the meeting to order at 1:56 pm on Wednesday, June 10th, 2020 in the large meeting room of the Cumberland County courthouse.

Approval of Minutes: Isham makes a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as presented; motion was seconded by Koester, no opposed, motion carried.

Discussion on Dublin Dr:

Chair Hyder opens by explaining that the original piece of property is still a mess, despite a little progress being made on the right-of-way and on the road. County Attorney Burnett explains that since proper service had been made on the correct owner, the board can proceed. He then explains that the board's "teeth" is going to be in getting a daily fine on the property, but better photos showing a lapse in time will be needed. Also, the property owner has to sign again to accept a civil suit. Koester asks, 'why can't we take a deputy with us to get better photos?' Burnett further explains that 'in the photos you MUST be able to show that OVER TIME this has been an issue and nuisance to neighbors. You have to prove all of these violations and safety issues to the judge and show that it occurred over time to secure a fine in a civil suit.' Koester asked if the County employed anyone who takes photographs. They do not. Philip warns that you can't legally take photos of anything that is perceived as private such as a fenced back patio, photos that are out in the open are best. Clark confirms, 'since we have served the lady, we need to get better photos to get a judgement?' Burnett reiterates, 'Correct. We will need more photos, showing a lapse in time, the judge will want to see that proof of violation. Isham makes a motion to allow County Attorney Burnett to continue with proceedings and file a civil suit against Nina Ray, owner of property known as 223 Dublin Dr. Clark seconds the motion. There are 4 ayes, 1 no. Motion carries.

Grace Hill Dr:

This property is located right beside North Cumberland Elementary. Constituents voice concerns over cleanliness of the home and pests. The trash and items continue to pile up on the exterior. Much discussion is had about the condition the home is currently in. It is discovered that one of the addresses in the original complaint filed with the board on May 26, 2020 has an address that is far beyond the 150-yard boundary. The neighbors are going to file a new complaint with the correct signatures. Burnett is going to speak with the attorney for the BOE and see what can possibly be done from the North School side.

New Business:

Burnett: 'In filing the lien on Springwater, we need to figure out a way to get it back on the tax roll.'
Isham questions what happens if the owner gets another mobile home and moves it in now that it is clean, to which Burnett responds that 'a lien should help with that, lenders or creditors will not lend to the property or take it as collateral.' Chair Hyder announces that the next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 8th at 2pm in the courthouse.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn is made by Isham, seconded by Clark, meeting is adjourned at 3:05 pm on June 10, 2020 in room 310 of the Cumberland County Courthouse.



Nancy Hyder, Chair



Date