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Board affirms decision to stop truck parking facility

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SHEPHERDSVILLE – A mistake which has halted work at a proposed truck parking facility in northern Bullitt County was not enough to overturn an administrator's action.

The Bullitt County Board of Adjustments voted in favor of affirming the decision of planning administrator Charlie Spalding to stop work on the project off West Hebron Lane.

An appeal was filed by GNS Express LLC over the cease and desist order and a hearing was held on Monday evening.

With a capacity crowd of residents opposed to the business development, board members had an opportunity to listen to both sides of the case.

Tammy Baker, the planning attorney representing Spalding, said there was no doubt that the property in question appeared to be IL Light Industrial but it was later determined to be R-2 Residential.

dential.

"It was a mistake," Baker said of the change in zoning classifications. "It's a terrible mistake."

Relating some history to the case, Baker said that the original zoning changes were recorded on a book filled with maps. In around 2018, Spalding started working to convert the "red book" pages to a GIS digital format.

In that process, the red book had the property, which is located between the city of Fox Chase and Interstate 65, listed as R-2. However,

on the GIS mapping, it was IL Light Industrial.

Spalding reached out to city officials throughout the county as he made the transformation from paper to digital and he didn't hear any concerns.

Baker said there were no ordinances found which changed the zoning from the original R-2 classification. Adjoining Fox Chase is also zoned R-2.

However, she stated that the GIS mapping system had never been adopted by either fiscal court

or any of the cities as the official zoning document.

Under cross-examination by GNS attorney Cliff Ashburner, Spalding said that as he was reviewing the GIS mapping and the red book, he noticed the difference in zoning. He searched for any zoning cases involving the property but found none.

While understanding human error, Ashburner said his client did a lot of research in his due

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Stephen Thomas

Swapping chickens at Hillview area farmers market

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BROOKS — How do you make a farmers market stand out from the others? Maybe swap some chickens.

That's what the organizers decided at the Brooks Chicken Swap & Farmers Market, hosted each Saturday at the Brooks Ballpark, owned by the Brooks Improvement Club, on Brooks Hill Road.

Co-owners Lindsey Hammonds and Whitney Pierce brought the event to fruition, hoping for it to stand out among other similar events.

"I breed chickens," Pierce said. "So we made it all-in-one to separate ourselves from the other markets."

In its first year, the Brooks Chicken Swap & Farmers Market began in March and will continue

into October, or until the weather gets cold. The event features available concessions and live music.

"We have full concessions that promote our other vendors," said Pierce. "They help to provide the food."

Musicians perform live for tips, serving as background sound providers during the events.

As far as the vendors, the usual farmers market fair of fruits and vegetables, breads and sauces are available. And, of course, chickens.

Hammonds mentioned that the chickens were not the only animals available for purchase. She said the events have included pigs, peacocks, goats and quail available for purchase. The chickens themselves include a variety of unique breeds such as Raptor and Phoenix.

"We cater more to breeders as far

as standards," said Pierce. "We're trying to bring things to the community that you won't find everywhere."

Hammonds reminded that the events are family-oriented and faith-based, safe and fun for the entire family to attend.

Nearing the end of their first season, the co-owners are planning other related events, including two "Harvest Homecoming" festivals scheduled for Oct. 24 and Oct. 31.

Pierce said a makeshift pumpkin patch would be added, with pumpkins donated by Creekside Homestead, that visitors could purchase and paint. Games will also be hosted during the events, along with fresh cider.

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Candidate forums to be held in October

SHEPHERDSVILLE – With the November general election just over a month away, it is time for the candidates to make an appearance before the public.

The Bullitt County Chamber of Commerce and The Pioneer News will once again host a series of forums to let the public hear some of the views of those running for office.

Due to the number of candidates, there will be three forums. Each will open the doors at 5:30 p.m. for the public to meet the candidates with the actual forum starting at 6 p.m.

Each candidate will receive the same questions and they will not be disclosed prior to the forum.

At each of the three forums, incumbent Monica Meredith and challenger Amanda Spalding will be on the agenda to speak about their countywide race for Bullitt County Circuit Court Family Court Judge.

The following candidates

will be on the schedule for each of the locations:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1 – Mount Washington Fick Hall. The two candidates for mayor and the candidates for city council in Mount Washington will be on the schedule to speak.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15 – Paroquet Springs Conference Centre in Shepherdsville. Candidates for mayor and city council in Shepherdsville will speak. Also, the two candidates for mayor of Lebanon Junction will field questions.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20 – Hillview Government Center. Candidates for mayor in Pioneer Village, Fox Chase and Hunters Hollow will be invited. Also, candidates for town board in Hebron Estates, Pioneer Village, Fox Chase and Hillview will be invited to participate.

The public is encouraged to attend. Questions

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Hebron Lane, Ridge Road part of resurfacing work

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FOX CHASE – In its annual presentation, nearly \$1 million in secondary road projects are being proposed for Bullitt County.

In the annual Rural Secondary program, the state Transportation Cabinet District 5 staff has recommended a pair of resurfacing projects for the current fiscal year in Bullitt County.

Of the available \$1 million in funds, \$486,000 will be appropriated for the normal maintenance of the 72 miles in the rural secondary program roads in Bullitt County.

Every county judge's office receives an amount for administrative work. For Bullitt County, that would be \$32,300 for the 2026-27 budget.

Two major projects are suggested.

First, the state would spend \$139,475 to resurface 1.3 miles of Clarks Lane from just east of

Greenwell Road to Cedar Grove Road.

Second, West Hebron Lane would be resurfaced from Kentucky 6313 to just south of Lee Hester Parkway, near UofL Health South Hospital.

The cost of that resurfacing work would be \$254,806 for the 1.6-mile stretch. Last year's projects, which were awarded to Mago Construction, included resurfacing of a 3.2-mile stretch of Deatsville Road and a 4.8-mile stretch of Ridge Road.

Tom Hall, an engineer from the State Transportation Cabinet, talked with court members about the work done last year and what is planned for this year.

The state completed resurfacing work on portions of Ridge Road and Deatsville Road.

He said bids would be taken later this year with plans to complete the two roads before next June.

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Memorial veterans wall dedicated in Town Square

Another piece of the Shepherdsville Town Square was unveiled on Saturday. And the ceremony to cut the ribbon on the Veterans Memorial Wall was well attended on a hot afternoon.

As part of the new town square at the corner of South Buckman Street and West Joe B. Hall Avenue, the veteran wall



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