

**Lincoln County Planning and Zoning Committee**  
**Thursday, July 10, 2008 at 8:30 a.m.**  
**Land Resource Center Meeting Room**

1. Call Meeting to Order - Meeting was called to order by Chairman Saal at 8:30 a.m. in the Land Resource Center meeting room. Members present: Saal, Mittelsteadt and Rusch along with Dan Bowers; Zoning Specialist and June Winters; Program Assistant. Meyer and Eisenman were excused.
2. Tour sites that will be the subject of the public hearing that will be held at 10:45 a.m. – Members and Bowers left to tour the sites listed on the meeting notice and “Old Business” site on Eagle Bay Rd – Town of King. (Due to time constraints the Committee was not able to visit the “Old Business” site)
3. 10:45 a.m. Public Hearings – Hearings were held on the items listed in the notice. Hearing called to order at 10:45 a.m. by Chairman Saal. Saal, Mittelsteadt and Rusch along with Dan Miller; Zoning Administrator, June Winters; Program Assistant, Mary Heederik; Court reporter and approximately 35 others were present.
4. Discussion by the Planning and Zoning Committee and Decision on the Conditional Use requests and Ordinance Amendments and which were the subjects of the Public Hearings.

**CONDITIONAL USE REQUEST**

1. A request by Jeffrey and Gail Arnold Arnold to construct a storage building greater than 1,500 square feet in a Rural Residential – 1 zoning district. The property is located in part of Government Lot 5 in Section 10, T35N–R6E, in the Town of Bradley; further known as Lot 3 of the plat of survey filed by Nicolet Surveyors as map #512 having parcel no. 04.103506.016.008.08.00. The request is being heard under section 17.3.09(1)(f) of the Lincoln County Code of Ordinances.

Steve Rigney, Jeff Arnold’s builder, was present to represent Jeff Arnold in support of the request. He explained the request stating that the existing 26’x36’ garage will be moved off the property and replaced with a 28’x72’ storage building. He stated that he has currently obtained a permit for a 28’x54’ but would like to go bigger. Dan Miller asked questions about the construction and aesthetics of the building. Miller questioned the use of the loft and confirmed that it would only be used as storage. Rigney stated that was his understanding. Miller asked about screening with shrubs on the north side of the building. Rigney said the owners would agree to that. Miller stated that the impervious surface limitations are an issue and the driveway area may need to be reduced. Rigney stated that after the Bradley Plan Commission meeting he spoke to the owner and he agreed to reduce the size of the driveway. Miller questioned that the building would be plumbed and Rigney confirmed that would only be for a workshop in the building that would be tied in to the existing septic. Rigney stated that the owner may have to leave the Quonset hut if the new storage building is not large enough for his purposes. Saal asked if the Quonset hut would be removed if this larger building was constructed and Rigney said that it would.

Harry Gladwin, Town of Bradley Plan Commission member, was present. He stated that the Plan Commission has met on this request but the Town Board has not met on this request yet. He stated that the Plan Commission gave a favorable recommendation agreeing with the Lincoln County staff report recommendations adding a condition that it may not be used for human habitation. It will go before the Town Board for recommendation on July 14, 2008. Miller stated that if Arnold had listed this as a dwelling this Conditional Use Permit would not be required because it is a stand alone lot. He is recommending that the lots be tied together by deed so that it may not be used as a dwelling in the future. Dan Bowers stated that Arnold’s septic is also located on this lot.

Saal read into the record a letter of opposition from Mary Hensel regarding the Arnold request. Saal closed the public hearing for the Conditional Use request.

Motion by Mittelsteadt, seconded by Rusch to APPROVE ON CONDITION the request with conditions as listed on the staff recommendation.

Motion by Saal, seconded by Mittelsteadt to amend the motion to include that approval be contingent upon favorable recommendation from the town of Bradley board. Motion to amend carried 3-0.

CONDITIONS:

- 1) The lot shall be bound and made non-severable with the residential lot located north of Sand Lane by deed covenant.
- 2) There shall be screening established in the areas depicted with cross hatching on the applicant's plot plan that will meet the definition of a landscape buffer yard per the zoning ordinance.
- 3) The driveway must be reduced in width and area so the property will comply with the 20% cap for impervious surfaces. (The impervious surfaces as proposed calculate to 3,373 square feet. A 20% cap is 3,134 square feet.)
- 4) Foundation plantings shall be placed along the north wall to lessen the appearance of the building height.
- 5) No commercial use will be allowed within the building without consent from the Zoning Department.
- 6) Approval is contingent upon receiving favorable recommendation from the Town of Bradley Board.

Amended motion carried 3-0

2. A request by Bill Eastwood of Billy Bob's Sports Bar & Grill to authorize the following under an "Outdoor Commercial Entertainment" use in a Cross Roads Mixed Use district: 1) an outdoor volleyball court, 2) a seasonal (Memorial Day through September) outdoor festival tent to accommodate dance bands and an outdoor bar. The property is located in part of the NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of the NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 3, T35N-R6E, in the Town of Bradley and has a site address of N12025 County Rd L. The request is being heard under section 17.3.04(10) of the Lincoln County Code of Ordinances.

Bill Eastwood, owner of Billy Bob's, was present to support his request. He stated that he really wasn't prepared for this meeting stating that he only found out a couple of days ago that he needed to attend this meeting. He was given conflicting information between speaking to the Town of Bradley and Lincoln County. He has obtained part of the old highway right-of-way from Lincoln County to accommodate his tent. He stated that he is promoting business in the Tomahawk area (now a Main Street Community) and he thinks this is a good thing for the community. He doesn't understand why the community is fighting that. He said that only one person he knows of is constantly calling the Sheriff's Department because of the noise. He knows that you are not going to make everyone happy. Saal suggested Eastwood explain his project. Eastwood stated that he wants to have a tent to hold bands, weddings, and other events during the summer months. Miller asked about the volleyball courts. Eastwood stated that he may change his plans and not have the volleyball courts, move the tent to that location and then utilize the rest for parking. The two discussed altering the site plan. Miller stated that by moving it back there he would be making it closer to the lake and surrounding residences and louder for those residents. Eastwood has spoken to the neighbor across County Rd L and stated he is in the process of obtaining an area across County Rd L for parking. Again he stated he wasn't ready for this month's meeting. Eastwood agreed that he knew about today's hearing but because of what he was told at the Town of Bradley he didn't think he needed to be prepared for today's meeting. Eastwood would like to keep the tent up from Memorial Day through Harley Fall Ride weekend and have bands on Friday and Saturday nights. He stated that he has already booked several out of the area bands for weekends this summer. Saal asked about cost involved in putting up and taking down the tent. Eastwood stated that it cost him approximately \$500 each time. Miller asked about bookings that Eastwood already has in place. Eastwood stated in addition to this upcoming weekend he has at least 7 nights booked for bands between now and Harley weekend. Saal asked for clarification on location of the tent. Miller questioned the maximum number of patrons for the events including under the tent and the surrounding fenced in area. Eastwood guessed at about 200. Miller questioned the sanitary facilities and

Eastwood stated that he brings in portable bathrooms (6-8 for Harley weekend) (3-4 for other events). Miller questioned the parking area and if drinking would spill over into that. Eastwood stated 6-8 security officers would be employed for this coming weekend and they always make sure that the "mess" is cleaned up the next day. He stated that he will have control over the bands and crowds that are at his events. He stated that most of his customers are over 45 years of age. He stated that Lake Nokomis has 10 bars on it so it is not a "quiet" lake anyway. Miller asked about the easement right-of-way area for parking. Eastwood said he is still working on that. Miller asked more about the land that he was trying to purchase across the road. Miller asked about lighting. Eastwood stated that he currently has 3 large parking lot lights and the only other lighting would be inside of the tent. Miller asked if he was striking the volley ball aspect of the request. Eastwood stated that he would like to keep it if the tent location remains the same as the original request as they have a league team that plays at the bar every other week in the summer. Mittelsteadt asked about the history of the property. Eastwood stated that it was a supper club before he purchased it and a resort before that. Miller questioned if he always has security for events and Eastwood stated that he always has security and parking attendants.

Tom Comeau was present in support of Billy Bob's request. He is not an adjoining land owner. He stated that the bar is good for the community and employees approximately 28 people.

John Crass was present in support of Billy Bob's request. He works for Billy Bob's as a security guard and thinks that the business is good for the community. Saal asked if he had observed any "trouble" during events. Crass stated that he had not. Saal asked about the noise level on a scale of 1 to 3. Crass stated that he thought the noise level during bands was "low".

Jeff Hovind was present in support of Billy Bob's request. He is another business owner in the area and he wanted to dispel the notion that "Billy Bob's is rockin' the Northwoods". Their resort is about 1/2 mile from Billy Bob's and he stated that they hear more noise from the racetrack than Billy Bob's. He thinks that the business is an asset to the tourism business in Lincoln County. He stated that Lincoln County lags behind in the tourism business. He stated that there is a perception, if not a reality, that Lincoln County is a difficult place to do business. He believes that part of that stems from the cumulative decisions similar to this one that are made at this level of government. He realizes that this request has its positives and negatives but stated that Billy Bob's is trying to attract business to the area and keeps tourism dollars in the community and is a positive asset for Lincoln County.

Karen Calhoun was present to support Billy Bob's request. She is not an adjoining land owner. She also has helped out at the bar for events. She lives about 1 1/2 miles away and stated that she can hear more noise from other businesses on the lake.

Harry Gladwin, Town of Bradley Plan Commission, was present. He stated that the Plan Commission, with only 2 neighbors in attendance, recommended approval of the request with certain conditions suggested by Zoning Staff and with proposed conditions modified on the Plan Commission report regarding; hours of events, lighting, easement issues, parking & sanitary waste removal requirements. He also referenced an "FYI" section of comments including comments from surrounding neighbors who have contacted Gladwin since the Plan Commission meeting. He stated that with this additional information he personally would not have recommended approval at the Plan Commission meeting. He commented on a couple of the statements that Eastwood had made in his testimony. He commented on information he had been given by Lisa Herriges that she had printed from the websites for the bands that Eastwood has booked and stated that, in his opinion, they did not look like music for "the 55 or older age group" as Eastwood had stated at their meeting were his target customers. He also stated that there was a discrepancy by Eastwood at the different meetings regarding the maximum number of patrons for events.

Saal reviewed letters of support for Billy Bob's request from Paul Fieri (Best Western Lake Aire), Randy & Tara Anderson, Heather Olcott, Julie Heerer?, Jeanne Wilmington, Patti Baguhn and a petition reading, "Billy Bob's

has recently built a deck for an extra waiting area. We have put up a tent outside for weekend events that will not go past midnight. As most bars, we also have Volleyball Court by the garage. Some people think these new additions to Billy Bob's are a nuisance. If you believe the deck, tent or volleyball courts are **NOT** a nuisance please sign this petition". Saal asked Eastwood the approximate number of names. Debbie Eastwood stated the petition had approximately 321 signatures. (By actual count after meeting there were 281 names on the petition)

Saal called for a 5-10 minute recess at noon. Meeting was reconvened at 12:10 p.m.

Jerry Luedke was present in opposition to Billy Bob's request. He lives about ¼ mile away and when there are bands at Billy Bob's the music is loud enough for the "bass" to rattle their windows. He is also very concerned about the parking situation. That road has a speed limit of 55 mph and it is not safe to cross. He is a patron at Billy Bob's as they have good food but thinks that this is excessive use of the facility and unsafe. He said the noise, parking and traffic issues are what he would like to see addressed.

Julie Cheyka-Sawyer was present in opposition to the request. She has a cottage in Outback Resort Condo directly west of Billy Bob's. She said that because of the heavy traffic and activity there has been accidents right where her easement road goes into the Condo. She agreed that it is a great bar but the number of people that they are trying to attract she felt would be dangerous.

Char Shelton was present in opposition to the request. They are also in Outback Resort Condo and are up at their cottage approximately 5 months out of the year. When they purchased their cottage 3 years ago it was a quiet area with a supper club next to them not a "sports bar" with outdoor music. She has several points of opposition. The noise is bad enough now and if he moves the tent behind the bar it would be even worse for them. She stated that the noise level for events is more of a 10 on a scale of 1 to 3. She said by looking at the websites of the bands that he has booked, they are definitely not Country Western and Polka bands which is what they were told it would be. She has concerns about her young daughter who routinely walks to the Windmill for ice cream. She didn't think that would be safe for her to do when there are events at Billy Bob's. She said that at an event last year there were 402 wristbands sold. She presented Chairman Saal with police reports for incidents at Billy Bob's. By allowing these events it will be an additional burden on the Sheriff's Department. She cited the "mess" that it always left behind after an event that spills onto their property. She commented the volleyball courts are unsafe because of the traffic just from the condo. Patrons ignored the Private Property signs for the condo and came on their property. She is worried about their property values being decreased. She also stated that there is pending litigation regarding the easement issue between Billy Bob's and Outback Resort Condo. She doesn't think that the neighbors in the area should be "force-fed" the music on the weekends. Miller asked for clarification on the police reports. There were 9 for noise complaints, 1 for trespassing of patrons onto the private property of Outback Resort Condo, and 1 for sale of cigarettes to a minor.

Rich Johnson was present in opposition to the request. He lives about 3 blocks south of Billy Bob's. He stated that there is so much of a difference as far as annoyance to the surrounding area between when the business was a supper club and now as a sports bar. He said that the noise from the racetrack is a "whisper" compared to the noise from the bands at Billy Bob's. He doesn't feel that this is the appropriate application for a business in this residential area. He felt that not enough people in the area were notified of the request or given enough time to "spread the word". Johnson stated that he didn't know if a decision would be rendered today, but if it was not he wished to be kept apprised of the procedure and if the request is granted they would likely be filing an appeal.

Doug Peters was present in opposition. He has a vacation home in Outback Condo. He submitted to the Committee a petition with 39 neighborhood signatures in opposition to Billy Bob's request. He cited the hard rock music and the profanity that is heard from their PA system & people were drinking in the parking lots and their cars. He and his wife ended up picking up garbage left the morning after the event. He says that the content of the music is not appropriate for a residential area with families and children present. He referenced previous Board of Adjustment minutes where Eastwood had discussed the easement that the bar and condo share.

He stated that the easement has been blocked almost every weekend. He thinks that Eastwood is actually asking for in essence a second business on the property all summer long being an outdoor concert hall. He commented that if the request is granted there needs to be a buffer including an actual fence to keep Billy Bob's patrons from coming onto their (Outback's) property. He feels that his property rights have been taken away since they purchased their property in a "quite neighborhood" which is no longer quiet.

Paul Anderson was present in opposition. He lives just down the road in a subdivision with approximately 13 homes in it. He is bothered by the noise. Last year Billy Bob's had a large fireworks display on the property. Even if it was not sponsored by the bar it was still on the property and it is a hazard. He feels that the traffic is a problem and knows that there have been altercations with patrons. He doesn't feel that Eastwood's argument about the water ski Show, racetrack & Harley Ride are good arguments for him to allow large gatherings and excessive noise. He thinks that the parking area across the road would be dangerous as patrons will be trying to cross a 55 mph highway. He said that Dave & Catherine Potter, who lived next to the Best Western, have moved from the area because of the noise from Billy Bob's.

Lisa Herriges was present in opposition to the request. She used to live in Outback Condo and still owns one of the properties but does not live there year 'round any longer. She stated that they have issues with their easement being blocked, and are currently in litigation regarding it. She also has issues with the bar patrons coming on their private property. She presented the Committee with pictures of their easement being blocked on weekends. She doesn't think that Billy Bob's should have this request granted for his financial gain if it devalues the residential property in the area. She stated she considered the music hard rock. She said that the information she has looked up on the internet for the bands that are booked is very disturbing. She presented an ad from a local news paper and doesn't understand how Billy Bob's can be advertising for bands this upcoming weekend when they should not even be allowed yet. She stated that when the variance was granted for the deck last year Eastwood stated that they would not be having music on the deck, but in fact he has also had music out there. She presented a photo and an advertisement as evidence of the music on the deck.

Ron Shelton was present in opposition to the request. He stated that because of the fact that the Outback Condo is most affected he wants to impress upon the Committee just what an annoyance this is. He invited the Committee members out to his cabin at anytime when there is an event at Billy Bob's and they would be able to see first hand how it negatively affects them. He doesn't wish to deny Eastwood a living but he thinks that the neighbors' rights are being infringed upon.

Gilbert Wessel was present in opposition to the request. He is about ¼ mile away from Billy Bob's. He agreed that Eastwood's improvements to the bar since he has purchased it have been an asset. He has no opposition to concerts on holiday weekends but opposes a festival tent to be used at Eastwood's discretion throughout the summer. He stated that this is basically a residential neighborhood that has been invaded. Miller questioned what he would consider a fair number of allowed events if the request were granted. Wessel stated that he thought 1 day on each Memorial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Labor Day and Harley Fall Ride weekends would be fair to both the business and neighborhood.

Dave Claflin was present in opposition to the request. He lives just into Oneida County (approximately ¾ mile north). He was present at the Bradley Plan Commission and he thought that Eastwood contradicted himself at that meeting by saying that he wants to be a good neighbor BUT have music every weekend during the summer. He stated that he has called Billy Bob's at least twice on June 14<sup>th</sup> during a concert complaining about the noise. He doesn't feel that he should be forced to lose sleep because of the noise.

Susan Claflin was present in opposition to the request. She said that they have endured loud noise on several weekends and had complained to the Town of Bradley Chairman late one night and called the Sheriff's Department at least 3 times. She feels that noise that loud should not be allowed past 10 p.m.

Randy Sawyer was present in opposition to the request. He is from Outback Resort Condo. He agrees with all of the reasons given so far for opposition to this request and just thinks it is sad that people that have purchased property in a quiet area and that quiet has been destroyed by the noise from this bar.

Lin Kenworthy was present in opposition. She is probably at least 3 miles from Billy Bob's and can still hear the music. She said that the owner of the racetrack was at least willing to work with the neighbors as far as noise issues. She commented that the advertising on the website has a sexual overtone and seems directed to a more "undesirable crowd" than family oriented entertainment. She says that the character of the neighborhood has definitely changed with the Eastwood's turning it into a sports bar with entertainment. She said that the governing bodies can control some issues with licenses that are required but they can not control everything. She said that there are definitely health and safety issues with this activity increasing because of this business. She said that Eastwood's purchased this business knowing that it is in a residential area and have not considered the neighbors at all.

Don Sickels was present in opposition to the request. He lives about ½ mile away. He gave Eastwood credit for being a good "businessman" but did not consider his business to be compatible with the surrounding neighborhood. If this request is granted he wanted to know how specific the committee would be in what conditions they may put on the request (size of tent, entrance & exit requirements, noise levels, number of patrons, security personnel, and sanitary waste). He wanted to know that if it is not granted, could Eastwood still continue with the bands that he has already booked for this weekend & future dates?

Mittelsteadt commented that maybe the request should be laid over until the Town of Bradley has an opportunity to submit their input. Saal agreed stating that would give the Committee maybe even more information on which to base their decision.

Saal acknowledged letters of opposition that had been received from Lyle & Sylvia Hannahs, George & Patti Mackawgy, Karl & Sandra Olsen, Dottie & Paul Anderson, Tom & Judy Cooper, Linda Andersen, Doug & Karen Peters, Allan & Mona Whitaker, Ross Hoover Family, David & Pat Becker & 5 Children, Ron Volz, Richard & Leslie Johnson and Edythe Mielke, most citing the same reasons for opposition to the request as given in previous testimony.

Saal closed the public hearing for Conditional Use request.

Motion by Mittelsteadt, seconded by Rusch to LAYOVER the request until township recommendation is received from the Town of Bradley.

David Claflin asked about the procedure if this is laid over. Saal explained that if the motion passes the request is laid over until next month's meeting. Lincoln County will then discuss it again, hopefully with guidance from the Town of Bradley Board, and a decision would be made at the August meeting. Claflin asked if Billy Bob's would be able to hold his bands and events between now and when a decision is made. Miller explained that if he continues to hold his "outdoor concerts" before the request is granted he would be in violation of the Zoning Ordinance.

Motion carried 3-0.

Jack Houston, Chairman of the Town of Bradley, was present and thanked the Committee for laying over the request and complimented them on their handling of the request and invited the Committee to attend the July 14, 2008 Town Board meeting.

At 1:30 p.m. Saal recessed for lunch and to re-convene in approximately 1 hour. Chairman Saal re-convened the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

3. A request by Leroy Fischer to add onto an existing storage building which already exceeds the 1,500 square foot size limit in a Rural Residential – 3 zoning district. The property is located in part of the SW¼ of the NW¼ of Section 36, T31N-R6E in the town of Scott and is further known as lot 3 of CSM1166, having an address of N383 Hilltop LN. The request is being heard under section 17.3.09(1)(f) of the Lincoln County Code of Ordinances.

Leroy Fischer, who was in attendance earlier, was not able to be present to support his request due to time constraints. Dan Bowers explained the request and gave staff comments. Saal noted that favorable recommendation from the Town of Scott had been received in the Zoning Office. Saal closed the public hearing for the Conditional Use request.

Motion by Mittelsteadt, seconded by Saal to APPROVE ON CONDITION the Conditional Use request.

**CONDITIONS:**

- 1) Shall not be used as a dwelling or for any commercial purpose, except as permitted in an approved request for an expanded home occupation.
- 2) Must be setback a minimum of 63' to the centerline of a town road.

Saal thought the size and use of the building would be consistent with the area. Mittelsteadt concurred. Motion carried 3-0.

**ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT**

4. The Planning & Zoning Committee is considering amending Section 17.2.100 “Permitted and Conditional Land Uses by Zoning District” such that “Forestry Commercial Use” would be considered a conditional use in the Planned Business zoning district.

Dan Miller explained the proposed amendment and stated that he has obtained an ordinance number from the County Clerk to be heard by the County Board on their July 15, 2008 meeting. He also stated that we have received township resolutions from the towns of Schley, Russell & Scott in support. There was discussion of the benefits of allowing this type of use in a Planned Business district. The advantage of going this route as opposed to a rezone was discussed also and Miller explained the pros and cons of each option.

Motion by Mittelsteadt, seconded by Rusch to APPROVE the text amendment as proposed. Motion carried 3-0. The amendment will be forwarded to the Lincoln County Board for the July 15, 2008 meeting.

5. The Planning & Zoning Committee is considering amending Section 18.9.03(3) of the Subdivision and Platting ordinance to require submission of a “Request for Modification” petition form, payment of a fee and holding a public hearing to entertain modification requests to the subdivision code.

Dan Miller explained the proposed amendment. Since the change in the code we have had in place a process just considered a “waiver” instead of a formal process for these requests. It has been determined that this formal process may be more appropriate because of need for recommendation from the affected township and notification of surrounding property owners. Saal asked when Zoning does notify surrounding property owners, he wondered how large of a radius is notified. Miller says that we notify any property owner within 300' of the parcel that is applying for the request. Saal asked for clarification on whether this is something that should be heard by the Zoning Committee or the Board of Adjustment. Miller explained the distinction between issues heard between the two bodies.

Motion by Saal, seconded by Rusch to APPROVE the text amendment as proposed. Motion carried 3-0. The amendment will be forwarded to the Lincoln County Board for the July 15, 2008 meeting.

5. Old Business –

- Benno Fischer (Eagle Bay Rd, Town of King) Review of CUP-06-006 (Allowing for use of a camper on a vacant lot in a RR3 district) - Dan Miller explained that Mr. Fischer had been granted a Conditional Use Permit on July 18, 2006 to be allowed to have a camping unit on his property in a RR3 zoning district for a total of 5 years from that date conditioned upon the request being reviewed by the committee after 2 years. There was discussion on the history since the original request was granted. Miller stated that he had spoken to Bob Steigerwaldt, Town of King Chairman, and stated that there was no opposition at their meeting although Steigerwaldt would like to see Fischer re-establish a lot corner that is no longer evident. Saal read into record an e-mail of opposition from Curtis Powell, former Town of King Board member. Saal closed the Old Business hearing for the request.

Motion by Mittelsteadt, seconded by Rusch to APPROVE extension of the request for the remainder of the 5 years. Motion carried 3-0.

- Discussion on testimony protocol and decision process for Conditional Use hearings - Miller reviewed the previous discussion regarding protocol for testimony taken at public hearings. He suggested that after the testimony is concluded that we try to make some sort of summary and/or go through a checklist before making a decision. Saal expressed his views about how testimony should be handled and how to separate facts from opinions. There was more discussion on the best way of basing a decision. Miller said it comes down to making a fair decision based strictly on facts that are presented. Saal said that they will continually improve their process. Miller asked if they wanted to use the checklist that he had drafted and the Committee said that they would try it.

6. Public Comment Opportunity – Harry Gladwin had a question about a two lot subdivision in the works in Bradley but was told that this particular issue wouldn't be something that comes before the Zoning Committee.

7. Discussion on 2009 Budget (preliminary) - The Committee had a lengthy discussion on how bleak the outlook is for the county budget. Miller explained what cuts he has made and the reason for the increases that are necessary. He said that the idea of every department being expected to stay within the 2% increase is unrealistic. There was lengthy discussion on options for making cuts or increasing revenues.

Motion by Saal, seconded by Mittelsteadt to submit the budget as proposed to Finance. Motion carried 3-0. Budget will be prepared for Committee signatures at the August 14, 2008 meeting.

8. Approve the June 12, 2008 meeting minutes – Motion by Saal, seconded by Mittelsteadt to approve the June 12, 2008 meeting minutes. Motion carried all ayes.

9. Administrator's Report - Miller reviewed with the Committee some activities since the last committee meeting. The committee briefly reviewed the compliance report. Saal shared comments & complaints that he had received from Robert Koth in Tomahawk. Koth had complained to both Saal and Supervisor Lussow regarding actions by Dan Miller in dealing with permits that had been issued on Clear Lake. Saal has looked into the situation and did not feel that the allegations by Mr. Koth were substantiated. The Committee reviewed the financial report and voted to approve for file. There was no other correspondence. Miller shared with the Committee that he has been contacted by the Town of Russell Chairman about issues in their Township and violations to be addressed.

10. Adjourn - Motion by Saal, seconded by Rusch to adjourn at 4:15 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.