

August 5, 2020

Re: Letter of Intent (Rezoning of 8450 Ousley Road)

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for your time and consideration of my application. We are trying to rezone a portion of our property to allow us to have more than the allotted five "Special Events" allowed under the current zoning restrictions for E-A. The "Special Events" will include, but not limited to, family reunions, birthday parties, weddings, corporate events, community gatherings, etc.

Up to this point, with everything I have done, I have included the Inspections/Permits Office (Rick Mettford), Health Department (Kyle Coppage), Planning/Zoning Department (J.D and Trinni) and even met with the TRC Committee. When building the barn, I obtained a Farm Use permit. I paid for the additional permits to make sure it was done to code and the county had proof in case my wife and I ever did get to this moment and try to rezone. I increased the size of the footers on the slab, increased the size of the post holes, plumbed for handicap bathrooms and increased the size of the septic tank under the guidance of each overseeing department and their recommendations of what I would need if I were to rezone. If given this approval, I fully intend to continue this level of communication and make sure everything else is done in compliance with the county regulations. I also intend to install over 1,000 feet of privacy fence and plant additional trees and shrubs to reduce noise levels. Most people do not even hear anything now without the barriers, given the size of the property. I have had multiple conversations with both adjacent landowners and owners in the area informing them of my intentions.

Our goal is to provide a place for happy memories for people needing somewhere to have one. There is an extremely high level of need/demand for places like this in our community right now and it will continue to increase given the social distancing recommendations. I have seen and heard of many groups who must look outside of Lowndes County for their events due to no availability. I am trying to create something to help keep that business inside Lowndes County.

Sincerely,

Justin and Brandy McCrary