

multitude of crimes are associated with drug use, as these crimes are committed to facilitate the addiction. She continued that this type of facility is not regulated nor required to obtain licenses or permits through the State of Georgia. She asked that the rezoning of this property be denied. She stated in June, a petition with over 500 signatures was submitted to the Board of Commissioners for their consideration. Blake Howell, 3417 Boring Pond Road, asked that the Commissioners research the project before making a decision. He indicated the facility is not licensed, and the addictions are considered medical diseases and the individuals in the program will need the proper counseling and resources to address those situations. He doesn't believe the facility will give the residents what they need to succeed. He stated the facility will be located close to a school and driving on Howell Road is dangerous. Chairman Slaughter stated the rezoning case will be reconsidered, and this agenda item is to consider the validity of the vote taken on June 26, 2022, due to errors. The following agenda item will be a public hearing on the request. That public hearing will reset the clock, and a vote will be taken somewhere between six and nine months after the public hearing tonight. Commissioner Marshall confirmed that this is the legality of the initial vote. Chairman Slaughter asked for a show of hands to determine the validity of the June 16, 2022, vote. The show of hands was unanimous- all in favor, no one opposed.

REZ-2022-10 The Campus Transitional Care Facility, Planning and Zoning Director, J.D. Dillard, presented the item. Mr. Dillard stated this is a request to rezone the property at Howell Road from E-A to Planned Development, P-D, for uses including a Transitional Care Facility. Based on the ULDC definition of a transitional care facility, and the legal definition of a halfway house, the Official Code of Georgia requires a public hearing to be held on a proposed action at least six months and not more than nine months prior to the date of the final action of the zoning decision. Commissioner Marshall asked if this vote will be to hold another hearing, Chairman Slaughter responded there will be no vote taken tonight on this agenda item. County Attorney, Walter Elliott, stated this is a public hearing. Vice Chairman Orenstein asked concerning the role of the Planning Commission in this process and if they will review this again. Mr. Elliott stated that would be evaluated prior to scheduling the second public hearing. Vice Chairman Orenstein asked if there was a chance it would go back to the Planning Commission; Mr. Elliott stated yes, there is a chance. David Shoe, 4867 Break Thru Road, spoke against the request. Mr. Shoe addressed Vice Chairman Orenstein and asked hadn't the Planning Commission already recommended against approval of this request, Vice Chairman Orenstein stated while the Planning Commission recommended denial, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve. Mr. Shoe asked why the Planning Commission would be asked to review the request again when the Board of Commissioners voted against their recommendation. Chairman Slaughter explained the Planning Commission is a recommending body only, and the Board of Commissioners has the latitude to take the recommendation or go a different direction. He continued this is a procedural process and if it's determined that the request needs to return to the Planning Commission for legal reasons, then the request will follow that procedure. Joshua Knight, 2209 Young Drive, spoke in favor of the request. Mr. Knight stated he is an attorney, first responder and small business owner as well as a recovering alcoholic. He stated he represents the recovering community and he also was a resident of Redeemed Living. He continues to lead an AA meeting in the