Champaign County Department of PLANNING & ZONING	CASE NO. 989-V-20 PRELIMINARY MEMORANDUM November 24, 2020 Petitioners: Matt and Sherrie Faulkner Request: Authorize a variance for an existing detached shed to be converted to a dwelling with a side yard of 11 feet and one-half inch in lieu of the minimum required 15 feet in the AG-1 Agriculture Zoning District, per Section 5.3. of the Zoning Ordinance.		
1776 E. Washington Street Urbana, Illinois 61802 (217) 384-3708 oningdept@co.champaign.il.us www.co.champaign.il.us/zoning	Subject Property	The 2.99-acre Lot 1 of Quinlan Subdivision in Section 23, Township 22 North, Range 9 East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Ludlow Township and commonly known as the residence at 1604 CR 3200N, Rantoul.	
	Site Area: 2.99 acres		
	Time Schedule for Development: As soon as possible		
	Prepared by:	Susan Burgstrom, Senior Planner John Hall, Zoning Administrator	

BACKGROUND

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The Petitioners purchased the subject property in 2019, and would like to convert an existing shed into a residence. Per the Quinlan Plat of Subdivision approved by the Village of Rantoul on March 15, 2019, the shed sits 11 feet and one-half inch from the north property line. This exceeds the required 10 feet side yard for a detached accessory structure in AG-1, but is short of the 15 feet side yard minimum for a principal structure. A variance is needed so the petitioners can proceed with converting the shed.

The petitioners will demolish the existing decommissioned house once construction is complete.

No comments have been received for this case.

EXISTING LAND USE AND ZONING

Table 1. Land Use and Zoning in the vicinity					
Direction	Land Use	Zoning			
Onsite	Residential	AG-1 Agriculture			
North	Agriculture	AG-1 Agriculture			
East	Agriculture	AG-1 Agriculture			
West	Single Family Residence	AG-1 Agriculture			
South	Agriculture	AG-2 Agriculture			

Table 1. Land Use and Zoning in the Vicinity

EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION

The subject property is within the one and one-half mile extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) of the Village of Rantoul, a municipality with zoning. Municipalities do not have protest rights on a variance and are not notified of such cases.

The subject property is located within Ludlow Township, which does not have a Plan Commission. Township Plan Commissions have protest rights on a variance and are notified of such cases.

PROPOSED SPECIAL CONDITIONS

A. A Change of Use Permit shall be applied for in conjunction with the Zoning Use Permit for the addition to the shed.

The special condition stated above is required to ensure the following: The establishment of the proposed use shall be properly documented as required by the Zoning Ordinance.

ATTACHMENTS

- A Case Maps (Location, Land Use, Zoning)
- B Site Plan received October 7, 2020
- C Plat of Quinlan Subdivision received October 7, 2020
- D Google Earth aerial photo received October 7, 2020
- E Images of Subject Property taken November 6, 2020
- F Draft Summary of Evidence, Finding of Fact, and Final Determination December 3, 2020

Location Map

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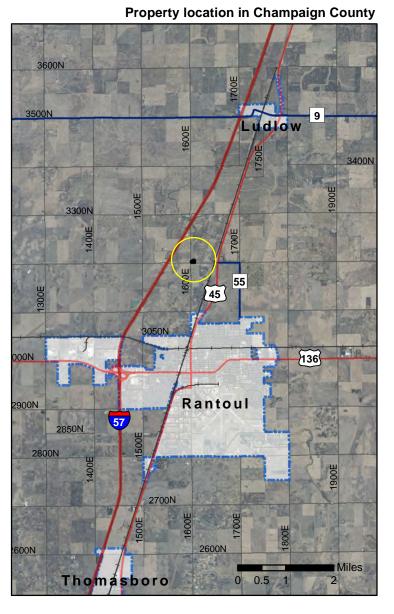
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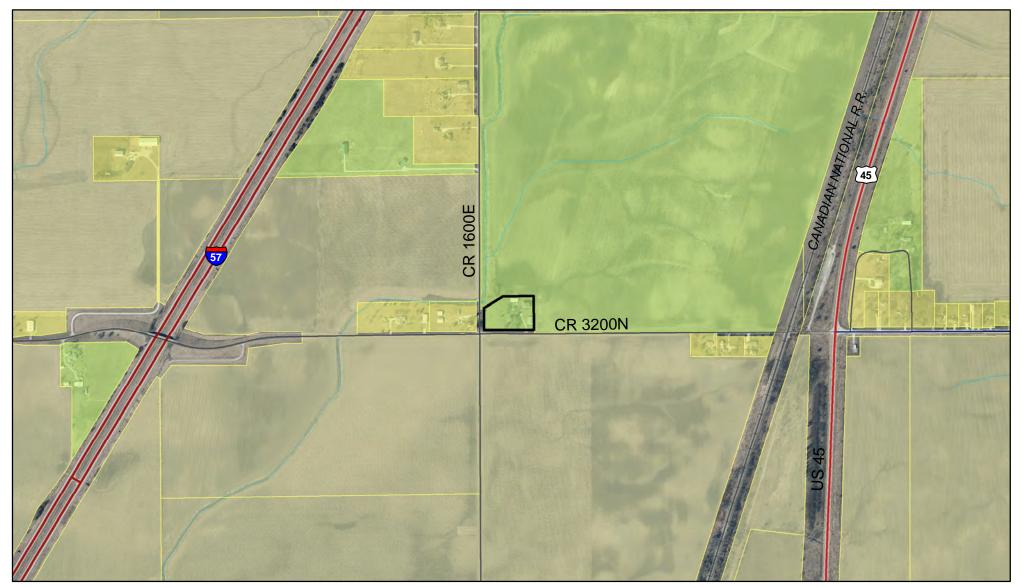
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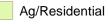
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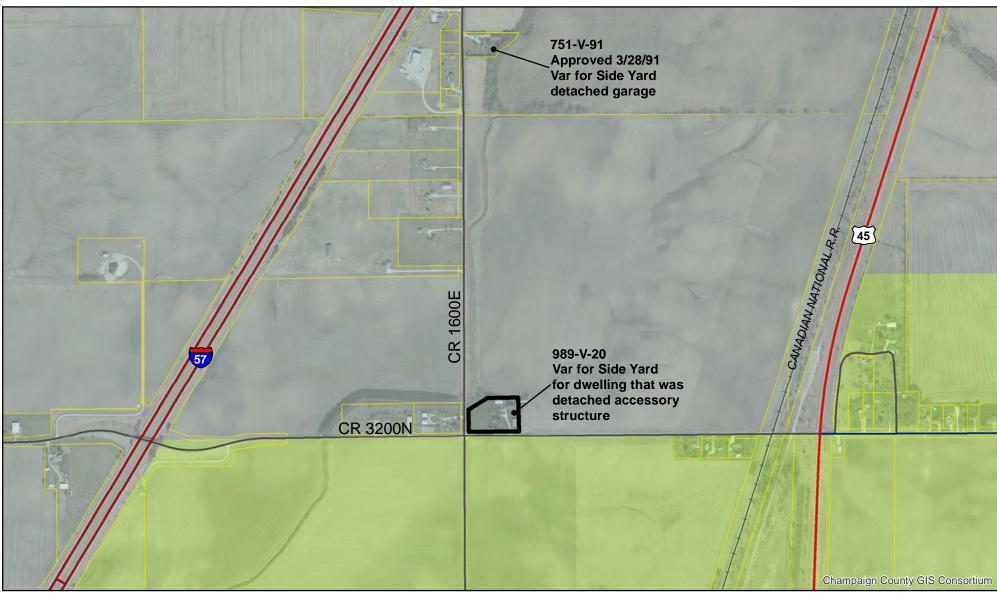
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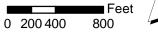
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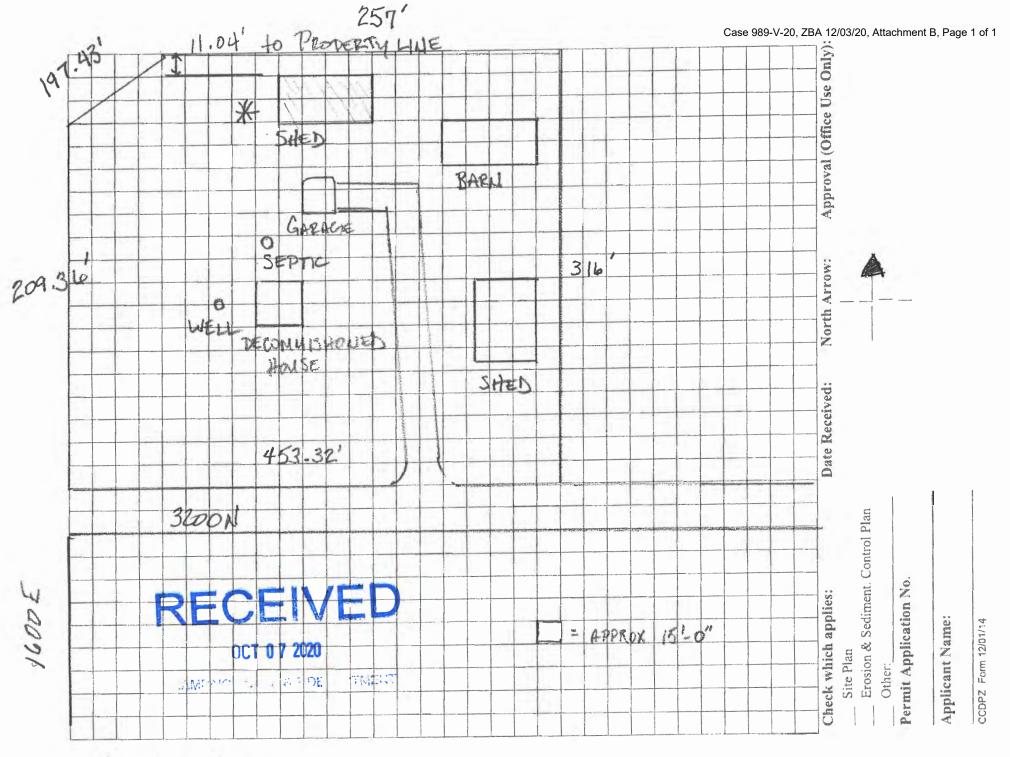


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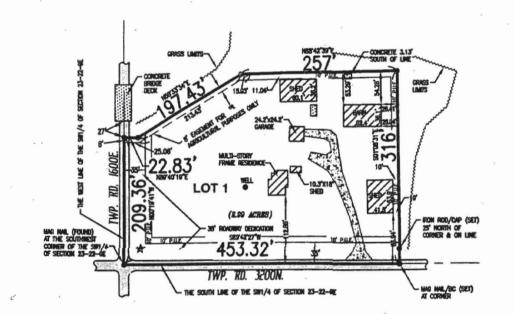


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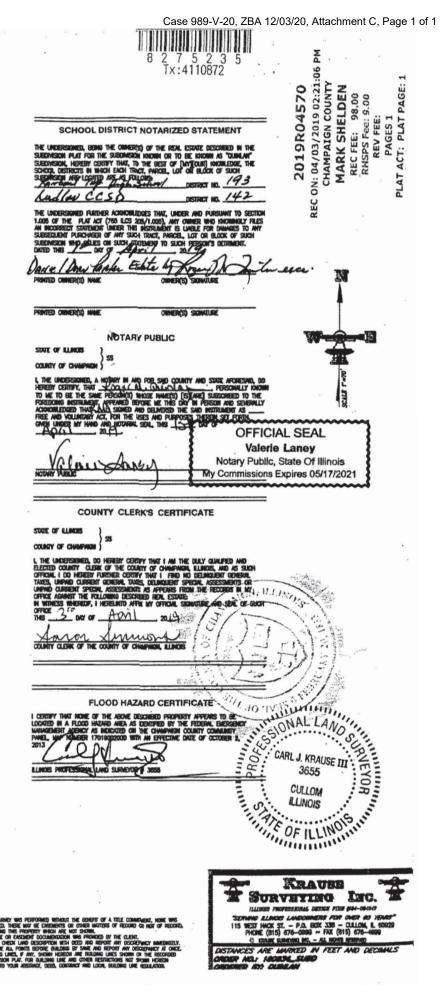


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989-V-20 Site Images



From CR 1600E facing east; shed to be converted is on the left



From CR 3200N facing north; shed is the white one behind the farthest utility pole

989-V-20 Site Images



Closeup of shed



From CR 1600E facing east, closer to CR 3200N

PRELIMINARY DRAFT

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SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE, FINDING OF FACT AND FINAL DETERMINATION of

Champaign County Zoning Board of Appeals

Final Determination:	{GRANTED/ GRANTED WITH SPECIAL CONDITIONS/ DENIED}	
Date:	{December 3, 2020}	
Petitioner:	Matt and Sherrie Faulkner	
Request:	Authorize a variance for an existing detached shed to be converted to a dwelling with a side yard of 11 feet and one-half inch in lieu of the minimum required 15 feet in the AG-1 Agriculture Zoning District, per Section 5.3. of the Zoning Ordinance.	

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SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE

From the documents of record and the testimony and exhibits received at the public hearing conducted on **December 3, 2020,** the Zoning Board of Appeals of Champaign County finds that:

- 1. The petitioners, Matt and Sherrie Faulkner, own the subject property.
- 2. The subject property is the 2.99-acre Lot 1 of Quinlan Subdivision in Section 23, Township 22 North, Range 9 East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Ludlow Township and commonly known as the residence at 1604 CR 3200N, Rantoul.
- 3. Regarding municipal extraterritorial jurisdiction and township planning jurisdiction:
 - A. The subject property is within the one and one-half mile extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) of the Village of Rantoul, a municipality with zoning. Municipalities do not have protest rights on a variance and are not notified of such cases.
 - B. The subject property is located within Ludlow Township, which does not have a Plan Commission. Township Plan Commissions have protest rights on a variance and are notified of such cases.

GENERALLY REGARDING LAND USE AND ZONING IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY

- 4. Land use and zoning on the subject property and in the vicinity are as follows:
 - A. The subject property is currently zoned AG-1 Agriculture. Land use is vacant residential.
 - B. Land to the north and east is zoned AG-1 Agriculture and is in agricultural production.
 - C. Land to the west is zoned AG-1 Agriculture and is residential and agricultural in use.
 - D. Land to the south is zoned AG-2 Agricultural and is in agricultural production.

GENERALLY REGARDING THE PROPOSED SITE PLAN

- 5. Regarding the site plan for the subject property:
 - A. The Petitioner's Site Plan received October 7, 2020, indicates the following:
 - (1) Existing buildings were all constructed prior to adoption of the Zoning Ordinance on October 10, 1973:
 - a. One 1,625 square feet decommissioned house;
 - b. One 24 feet by 24 feet detached garage;
 - c. One 35 feet by 60 feet shed, to be renovated;
 - d. One 34 feet by 62 feet barn;
 - e. One 54 feet by 40 feet shed;
 - f. One well located west of the decommissioned house; and
 - g. One septic system located north of the decommissioned house.

- (2) The petitioner proposes to renovate the 35 feet by 60 feet shed into a single-family residence.
 - a. A Change of Use Permit will be required for converting the shed into a dwelling.
- B. There are no previous Zoning Use Permits for the subject property:
- C. There are no previous zoning cases for the subject property.
- D. The required variance is for an existing detached shed to be converted to a dwelling with a side yard of 11 feet and one-half inch in lieu of the minimum required 15 feet in the AG-1 Agriculture Zoning District.

GENERALLY REGARDING SPECIFIC ORDINANCE REQUIREMENTS AND ZONING PROCEDURES

- 6. Regarding authorization for the proposed variance:
 - A. The following definitions from the *Zoning Ordinance* are especially relevant to the requested Variance (capitalized words are defined in the Ordinance):
 - (1) "ACCESSORY BUILDING" is a BUILDING on the same LOT within the MAIN or PRINCIPAL STRUCTURE, or the main or principal USE, either detached from or attached to the MAIN or PRINCIPAL STRUCTURE, and subordinate to and used for purposes customarily incidental to the MAIN or PRINCIPAL STRUCTURE or the main or principal USE.
 - (2) "BUILDING, DETACHED" is a BUILDING having no walls in common with other BUILDINGS.
 - (3) "DWELLING" is a BUILDING or MANUFACTURED HOME designated for non-transient residential living purposes and containing one or more DWELLING UNITS and/or LODGING UNITS.
 - (4) "LOT" is a designated parcel, tract or area of land established by PLAT, SUBDIVISION or as otherwise permitted by law, to be used, developed or built upon as a unit.
 - (5) "LOT LINES" are the lines bounding a LOT.
 - (6) "VARIANCE" is a deviation from the regulations or standards adopted by this ordinance which the Hearing Officer or the Zoning BOARD of Appeals are permitted to grant.
 - (7) "YARD, SIDE" is a YARD situated between a side LOT LINE and the nearest line of a PRINCIPAL STRUCTURE located on said LOT and extending from the rear line of the required FRONT YARD to the front line of the required REAR YARD.
 - B. The AG-1 Agriculture DISTRICT is intended to protect the areas of the COUNTY where soil and topographic conditions are best adapted to the pursuit of AGRICULTURAL USES and to prevent the admixture of urban and rural USES which would contribute to the premature termination of AGRICULTURE pursuits.

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- C. Paragraph 9.1.9 D. of the *Zoning Ordinance* requires the ZBA to make the following findings for a variance:
 - (1) That the requirements of Paragraph 9.1.9 C. have been met and justify granting the variance. Paragraph 9.1.9 C. of the *Zoning Ordinance* states that a variance from the terms of the *Champaign County Zoning Ordinance* shall not be granted by the Board or the hearing officer unless a written application for a variance is submitted demonstrating all of the following:
 - a. That special conditions and circumstances exist which are peculiar to the land or structure involved which are not applicable to other similarly situated land or structures elsewhere in the same district.
 - b. That practical difficulties or hardships created by carrying out the strict letter of the regulations sought to be varied prevent reasonable and otherwise permitted use of the land or structures or construction on the lot.
 - c. That the special conditions, circumstances, hardships, or practical difficulties do not result from actions of the Applicant.
 - d. That the granting of the variance is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the *Ordinance*.
 - e. That the granting of the variance will not be injurious to the neighborhood, or otherwise detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare.
 - (2) That the variance is the minimum variation that will make possible the reasonable use of the land or structure, as required by subparagraph 9.1.9 D.2.
- D. Minimum SIDE YARD for a principal structure in the AG-1 Agriculture District is established in Section 5.3 of the Zoning Ordinance as 15 feet.

GENERALLY REGARDING SPECIAL CONDITIONS THAT MAY BE PRESENT

- 7. Generally regarding the Zoning Ordinance requirement of a finding that special conditions and circumstances exist which are peculiar to the land or structure involved which are not applicable to other similarly situated land or structures elsewhere in the same district:
 - A. The Petitioner has testified on the application, "We would like to make a house out of an existing shed. The shed has been in the same location since 1950s. Property was sectioned from 175 acre farm."
 - B. The existing shed the petitioners want to convert meets the required 10 feet side yard for a detached accessory structure, but not for a principal structure, which requires 15 feet.

GENERALLY REGARDING ANY PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES OR HARDSHIPS RELATED TO CARRYING OUT THE STRICT LETTER OF THE ORDINANCE

8. Generally regarding the Zoning Ordinance requirement of a finding that practical difficulties or hardships related to carrying out the strict letter of the regulations sought to be varied prevent reasonable and otherwise permitted use of the land or structures or construction on the lot:

- A. The Petitioner has testified on the application, "The property was sectioned from a larger piece of land. It was surveyed and the new property line is 11 feet and one-half inch from the shed."
- B. Regarding the proposed variance: without the proposed variance, the petitioner would have to move the shed or purchase an additional four feet from the neighbor to the north.

GENERALLY PERTAINING TO WHETHER OR NOT THE PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES OR HARDSHIPS RESULT FROM THE ACTIONS OF THE APPLICANT

- 9. Generally regarding the Zoning Ordinance requirement for a finding that the special conditions, circumstances, hardships, or practical difficulties do not result from the actions of the Applicant: A. The Petitioner has testified on the application, "No."
 - B. All buildings on the subject property existed prior to the adoption of the Zoning Ordinance on October 10, 1973.
 - C. Quinlan Subdivision, which created the 2.99-acre lot, was approved by the Village of Rantoul on March 15, 2019.
 - D. According to the Assessor's property records, the petitioners purchased the property on April 26, 2019.

GENERALLY PERTAINING TO WHETHER OR NOT THE VARIANCE IS IN HARMONY WITH THE GENERAL PURPOSE AND INTENT OF THE ORDINANCE

- 10. Generally regarding the Zoning Ordinance requirement for a finding that the granting of the variance is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Ordinance:
 - A. The Petitioner has testified on the application, **"We will be improving the property. We will be tearing down an old dilapidated house when we are done with new construction."**
 - B. Regarding the proposed Variance for a principal building with a side yard of 11 feet and one-half inch in lieu of the minimum required 15 feet in the AG-1 Agriculture District: the requested variance is 73.6% of the minimum required, for a variance of 26.4%.
 - C. The Zoning Ordinance does not clearly state the considerations that underlay the side yard requirements. In general, the side yard is presumably intended to ensure the following:
 - (1) Adequate light and air: The 2.99-acre subject property is in residential use. The surrounding properties are either in agricultural production or residential in use.
 - (2) Separation of structures to prevent conflagration: The subject property is within the Ludlow Fire Protection District and the station is approximately 3.7 road miles from the subject property. The nearest structure is a residence approximately 370 feet to the west on the other side of CR 1600E.
 - (3) Aesthetics: Aesthetic benefit may be a consideration for any given yard and can be very subjective.

GENERALLY PERTAINING TO THE EFFECTS OF THE REQUESTED VARIANCE ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE

- 11. Generally regarding the Zoning Ordinance requirement for a finding that the granting of the variance will not be injurious to the neighborhood, or otherwise detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare:
 - A. The Petitioner has testified on the application: **"It is an existing building we are improving."**
 - B. The Ludlow Township Road Commissioner has been notified of this variance, and no comments have been received.
 - C. The Ludlow Fire Protection District has been notified of this variance, and no comments have been received.
 - D. The nearest structure is a residence approximately 370 feet to the west on the other side of CR 1600E.

GENERALLY REGARDING ANY OTHER JUSTIFICATION FOR THE VARIANCE

- 12. Generally regarding and other circumstances which justify the Variance:
 - A. The Petitioner has testified on the application: "After new construction is complete we will tear old house down."

GENERALLY REGARDING PROPOSED SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

- 13. Regarding proposed special conditions of approval:
 - A. A Change of Use Permit shall be applied for in conjunction with the Zoning Use Permit for the addition to the shed.

The special condition stated above is required to ensure the following:

The establishment of the proposed use shall be properly documented as required by the Zoning Ordinance.

DOCUMENTS OF RECORD

- 1. Variance Application received October 7, 2020, with attachments:
 - A Site Plan
 - B Plat of Quinlan Subdivision
 - C Google Earth aerial photo
 - D Floor plan of proposed dwelling
- 2. Preliminary Memorandum dated November 24, 2020, with attachments:
 - A Case Maps (Location, Land Use, Zoning)
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FINDINGS OF FACT

From the documents of record and the testimony and exhibits received at the public hearing for zoning case **989-V-20** held on **December 3, 2020,** the Zoning Board of Appeals of Champaign County finds that:

- 1. Special conditions and circumstances {*DO* / *DO NOT*} exist which are peculiar to the land or structure involved, which are not applicable to other similarly situated land and structures elsewhere in the same district because:
- 2. Practical difficulties or hardships created by carrying out the strict letter of the regulations sought to be varied *{WILL / WILL NOT}* prevent reasonable or otherwise permitted use of the land or structure or construction because:
- 3. The special conditions, circumstances, hardships, or practical difficulties *{DO / DO NOT}* result from actions of the applicant because:
- 4. The requested variance *{SUBJECT TO THE PROPOSED CONDITION} {IS / IS NOT}* in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Ordinance because:
- 5. The requested variance *{SUBJECT TO THE PROPOSED CONDITION} {WILL / WILL NOT}* be injurious to the neighborhood or otherwise detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare because:
- 6. The requested variance *{SUBJECT TO THE PROPOSED CONDITION} {IS / IS NOT}* the minimum variation that will make possible the reasonable use of the land/structure because:
- 7. {NO SPECIAL CONDITIONS ARE HEREBY IMPOSED / THE SPECIAL CONDITIONS IMPOSED HEREIN ARE REQUIRED FOR THE PARTICULAR PURPOSES DESCRIBED BELOW:}
 - A. A Change of Use Permit shall be applied for in conjunction with the Zoning Use Permit for the addition to the shed.

The special condition stated above is required to ensure the following: The establishment of the proposed use shall be properly documented as required by the Zoning Ordinance. PRELIMINARY DRAFT

FINAL DETERMINATION

The Champaign County Zoning Board of Appeals finds that, based upon the application, testimony, and other evidence received in this case, that the requirements for approval in Section 9.1.9.C *{HAVE/HAVE NOT}* been met, and pursuant to the authority granted by Section 9.1.6.B of the Champaign County Zoning Ordinance, the Zoning Board of Appeals of Champaign County determines that:

The Variance requested in Case **989-V-20** is hereby *{GRANTED / GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS / DENIED}* to the petitioners, **Matt and Sherrie Faulkner**, to authorize the following variance:

Authorize a variance for an existing detached shed to be converted to a dwelling with a side yard of 11 feet and one-half inch in lieu of the minimum required 15 feet in the AG-1 Agriculture Zoning District, per Section 5.3. of the Zoning Ordinance

{SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITION(S):}

A. A Change of Use Permit shall be applied for in conjunction with the Zoning Use Permit for the addition to the shed.

The special condition stated above is required to ensure the following: The establishment of the proposed use shall be properly documented as required by the Zoning Ordinance.

The foregoing is an accurate and complete record of the Findings and Determination of the Zoning Board of Appeals of Champaign County.

SIGNED:

Ryan Elwell, Chair Champaign County Zoning Board of Appeals

ATTEST:

Secretary to the Zoning Board of Appeals

Date