

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY  
BOARD OF APPEALS  
JULY 25, 2024 – 6:30PM  
BUFFALO CITY MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

Meeting was called to order by Chair Jerilyn Baures. Meeting held as noticed.  
Board present Dan Arendt, Don Blank, Keith Fetting, Joe Krumrie. Citizen present: Joe Hastings. Meeting was held as noticed.

Baures presented the conditional use request from Joe Hastings, 129 E. County Rd OO. Hastings is requesting a conditional use permit to operate a business in a residential zone. His business will be a home-based FFL (Federal Firearms Licensing) business in which he assists those buying guns from out of state in the licensing process locally. He is licensed through the ATF and completes all licensing/forms needed with them and the WI Department of Justice. He said he has been in business in Minnesota for about 5 years but is moving permanently to his Buffalo City home and would like to continue the business here. He will not be selling guns, only assisting those who have purchased from out of state dealers in licensing them. Clerk informed board neighbors had been given notice of the meeting. Baures read a letter from neighbors, Holiens, that stated they were fine with the permit being issued. Blank said as long as Hastings has all his licensing completed through the ATF he sees no problem with the business. Bauers reminded Hastings that the permit is a conditional and if at any time in the future there are questions by the City, it can be reviewed or revoked.

Motion Blank, second Arendt to approve a conditional use permit for Joe Hastings, 129 E. County Rd OO, to operate a business in his home. All yes, motion carried.

Baures presented the recent Buffalo City Zoning Ordinance revision to the board members in regards to hardships. The ordinance was recently updated to include wording that defines a hardship in circumstances that include septic and well locations on properties that will make it easier for the Board of Appeals to consider a hardship when getting variance requests. Board discussed what constitutes a hardship. Does just wanting a garage constitute a hardship? If there is space to build on a different area of the property, the change in the ordinance still would not pertain and be used as a hardship.

Motion Fetting, second Blank to adjourn. All yes, motion carried.

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Jenny Ehlenfeldt  
Clerk/Treasurer