

City of Murfreesboro  
Construction Board of Adjustments & Appeals Minutes  
June 27, 2023

**Board Members Present:**

Lyle Lynch, Vice Chairman

Ben Blake

Carolyn Lester

John Murray

Matt Taylor

Ryan Maloney

**Staff Present:**

Kevin Jones, Director of Building & Codes

Phillip Burns, Assistant Director of Building and Codes

Precious Parham, Administrative Assistant I

Mr. Lyle Lynch called the meeting to order at 1:00pm. The first item was to review and approve the minutes of the January 24, 2023, meeting. Ms. Carolyn Lester made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

The next item of business was to hear the resolution of an Appeal of the Decision or Determination order of notice of the Building Official. Mr. Lynch then asked Mr. Kevin Jones to present the case for the city.

Mr. Jones explained the case at 404 Kings Highway, which is currently a small church in which Building and Codes received a call about because the roof was failing. Building and Codes performed an inspection along with meeting a contractor on site in December of 2021, which resulted in Building and Codes creating a substandard report and sending it to the owner of the property. Mr. Messenger appealed the decision for demolition and went before the board in January as he was not aware the notice existed. He stated his case and just wanted more time to come up with a solution to figure out how to get funds to either demolish the church or repair the church, so the board gave him six months.

Mr. Messenger then explained to the board that he has found some help and that instead of putting a support beam, they would just take the whole roof off, strengthen the walls, then replace the roof.

Mr. Jones suggested that if they are going to change the roof design, then the board would need some more information as far as the truss design.

Mr. Bob Warren, the structural engineer on record suggested that they would need to budget for some foundation work to make sure the greater loads would be carried by the foundation system. Mr. Lynch verified that the appellant was proposing to replace the roof.

Mr. John Murray made a motion to hold the demo order, six months to allow the alternative which is a new roof. Mr. Taylor made a second and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jones finished the meeting with staff reports announcing that Phillip Burns had been hired as his assistant director. He also mentioned a few of our members who have terms expiring that he would get with about renewing. There was no other business, so the meeting was adjourned.