

Arkansas State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors
Public Hearing and Meeting– Kirby & Family Crematory Permit Application

MINUTES

Friday, October 3, 2014, 12PM

City of Mountain Home- City Council Meeting Room
720 Hickory Street
Mountain Home, AR

Public Hearing - In the Matter of: Kirby & Family Crematory Permit application

Board Members present and introduced:

Bobby Thurman, Vice Chairman

Jerry Adams

Bobby Burns

Ben Brazzel

Staff present: Amy S. Goode, Executive Secretary, Leslie Stokes, Inspector, Mark Ohrenberger, Board Counsel
Tiffanie Harrison– Harrison Court Reporting

Members absent were: James Terry Woodard and Patricia Roberts.

Vice Chairman, Bobby Thurman called the hearing to order and explained for the record that the Board was conducting this hearing in accordance with A. C. A. §17-29-313 on the crematory application permit that Conner-Hankins had filed with the Board's office. This statute requires the Board to conduct a public hearing in the city or county in which proposed crematorium is to be located and noticed in the paper having general circulation no earlier than two weeks prior to the date of hearing and not less than one week prior. In addition to the notice, property owners within 250 feet must be notified by registered mail. Executive Secretary confirmed that all of the requirements have been met.

Mr. Ohrenberger stated he would like to introduce a thirty-two (32) page document marked as exhibit 1. Amy Goode, Executive Secretary, was sworn in as witness for the Board. Mr. Ohreberger questioned Ms. Goode about the application received from Mr. Kirby. The Board did notice the meeting in the Baxter Bulletin on September 24, 2014 a paper having general circulation in the area. The Board also sent Board Inspector to Baxter County Assessor's office to locate the property owners within 250 feet of the proposed site.

Mr. Jason Kirby and Mr. Elton Kirby were present for the public hearing. They plan to purchase a new crematory unit and install at their current location at 600 Hospital Drive. They plan to add on to their existing location and adding a space for the crematory unit. Will do cremations for their establishment only. They will be closing the existing crematory that is located outside of town at their cemetery. Mr. Adams inquired about how many cremations they would do a year and Mr. Kirby stated approximately 200. Greg Iland City of Mountain Home Building Inspector indicated that their plans were in compliance with the City of Mountain Home. There was no one present in opposition.

Motion made by Brazzel to adjourn the public hearing and keeping the board meeting open, seconded by Burns, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Adams to approve the permit to construct, seconded by Burns, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Burns to accept the findings of fact conclusions of law and order as written, seconded by Brazzel, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Brazzel to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Adams, all in favor. Motion carried.