

Arkansas State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors
Public Hearing – Westwood Funeral Service- Dogwood Crematory

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Wednesday, June 25, 2014, 11:30am
Blytheville Water Works Water Tower
1301 June Gosnell Drive
Blytheville, AR

Public Hearing In the Matter of: Westwood Funeral Service-Dogwood Crematory

Board Members present and introduced:

James Terry Woodard, President

Jerry Adams

Bobby Burns

Ben Brazzel

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

President, James Terry Woodard 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 Mr. Billy Curl 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.

There was no one in attendance that was in opposition of the crematory. Mr. Billy Curl representative for Westwood Funeral Service and Dogwood crematory was present with his counsel John Mays. They are building a facility for Cobb Funeral Home but will serve others if needed. They had appeared before the City of Blytheville in April of this year which time the permit was approved and he recently became aware of the Board's statute requirements.

Mr. Adams inquired if the photos he presented would be something similar to what he plans to build. Mr. Curl stated yes that he had received permission from Tommy Peebles to photograph their facility in Tennessee. They will have a block building reinforced with concrete. They plan to have a 14 X 18 observation window. They plan to use a Matthews's unit and will have natural gas.

Motion made by Adams to adjourn the public hearing seconded by Burns, all in favor, motion carried.