

**Blount County Board of Zoning Appeals
Special Session
Thursday March 17, 2005
6:00 P.M.**

The Blount County Board of Zoning Appeals met in special session on Thursday March 17, 2005, at 6:00 pm at the Courthouse. Staff was represented by: Roger Fields, Building Commissioner.

Members of the Board of Zoning Appeals present: Bill Marrison, Rob Walker, Stanley Headrick, Harold Brown, and Kathy Lovingood.

Cases Being Heard

1. **APPEALS:**
2. **VARIANCES:**

Verizon Wireless- 1701 Westside Drive:

Verizon is requesting a variance from the size requirements for accessory shelters as they apply to cellular towers and co-locations. The required footprint is 200 square feet. The shelter that they would like to install at 1701 Westside Drive is 345 square feet. In section 7.4E of the zoning regulations the floor size requirement is addressed. The regulations state : “the requirements for floor area may be modified by the Board of Zoning Appeals to encourage collocation of antennas.” It is Mr. Fields interpretation that a variance can be granted for the size of shelters to promote collocation. Mr. Fields recommended that the variance be granted if the Board finds that the spirit of the Zoning Regulations is upheld. Mr. Andy Cunningham was present to represent Verizon. Mr. Headrick questioned why the additional space was necessary and Mr. Cunningham answered. Mr. Brown stated that he believed they should have ordered the right size to begin with. There was a conference call with Mr. Wooden, the legal representative for Verizon. After much discussion, Ms. Lovingood made a motion to grant the variance because the generator will be kept inside the shelter. Mr. Walker seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

- Bill Marrison - Yes
- Rob Walker – Yes
- Stanley Headrick – Yes
- Harold Brown – No
- Kathy Lovingood – Yes

The motion to approve the variance passed.

3. **SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS:**

4. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

5. **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to conduct, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul W. Smith", written over a horizontal line.

Secretary, Board of Zoning Appeals