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Sangamon County Clerk

**GRANTING A REZONING AND VARIANCES
FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT
5000-6000 BLOCK OF DICKERSON ROAD, SHERMAN
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, the Zoning Board of Appeals has presented to the Sangamon County Board, Sangamon County, Illinois, its Findings of Fact and Recommendation that the Sangamon County Board **grant a rezoning and variances** to the Sangamon County Zoning Ordinance with respect to the following described property, to-wit:

See Exhibit A

WHEREAS, the Petitioner, **Forsyth Family Spaulding Farm Trust**, has petitioned the Sangamon County Board requesting **for Proposed Parcels 1 and 2: pursuant to Chapters 17.68 and 17.12, a rezoning from "A" Agricultural District to "R-1" Single Family Residence District; pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Section 17.36.010(B) to allow an accessory structure to be approximately twenty-four (24) feet instead of the maximum height of eighteen (18) feet allowed in the "R-1" Single-Family Residence District; and, a variance of Chapter 17.04 (Lot depth) to allow the lot depth to be greater than two and one-half (2.5) times the lot width; and,**

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held at the Sangamon County Building on **July 17, 2025** after proper notice was posted on said property and given by news publication, as is required by said Ordinance, and all procedural and jurisdictional requirements of the Sangamon County Zoning Ordinance have been met; and,

WHEREAS, the Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals has presented to the Sangamon County Board of Sangamon County its Findings of Fact and Recommendation that the Sangamon County Board **grant a rezoning and variances; and,**

WHEREAS, the Sangamon County Board does hereby adopt the recommendation of the Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Sangamon County, Illinois, in session assembled this 12th Day of August, 2025 that the following requests on the above described property are hereby approved:

For Proposed Parcel 1:

- Pursuant to Chapters 17.68 and 17.12, a rezoning from “A” Agricultural District to “R-1” Single-Family Residence District;
- Pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Section 17.36.010(B) to allow an accessory structure to be approximately twenty-four (24) feet instead of the maximum height of eighteen (18) feet allowed in the “R-1” Single-Family Residence District; and,
- Pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Chapter 17.04 (Lot depth) to allow the lot depth to be greater than two and one-half (2.5) times the lot width; and,

For Proposed Parcel 2:

- Pursuant to Chapters 17.68 and 17.12, a rezoning from “A” Agricultural District to “R-1” Single-Family Residence District;
- Pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Section 17.36.010(B) to allow an accessory structure to be approximately twenty-four (24) feet instead of the maximum height of eighteen (18) feet allowed in the “R-1” Single-Family Residence District; and,
- Pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Chapter 17.04 (Lot depth) to allow the lot depth to be greater than two and one-half (2.5) times the lot width.

Signed and passed by the Sangamon County Board in session on this 12th day of August,
2025.

COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SANGAMON COUNTY CLERK

Exhibit A

Parcel 1: That part of the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 17 North, Range 4 West of the Third Principal Meridian, known as parcel Number 07-34.0-100-039, containing 69.25 acres, more or less, situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

Parcel 2: That Part of the East Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 27, Township 17 North, Range 4 West of the Third Principal Meridian, known as Parcel Number 07-27.0-300-011, containing 23.27 acres, more or less, situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

No street address assigned; farmland.

RECAP
(For County Board Use)

COUNTY BOARD MEMBER: # 8 NAME: Tom Rader

DOCKET NUMBER: 2025-013

ADDRESS: 5000-6000 Block of Dickerson Road, Sherman, IL 62684

PETITIONER: Forsyth Family Spaulding Farm Trust

PRESENT ZONING CLASSIFICATION: "A" Agricultural District

REQUESTED ZONING CLASSIFICATION: For Proposed Parcels 1 and 2: pursuant to Chapters 17.68 and 17.12, a rezoning from "A" Agricultural District to "R-1" Single Family Residence District; pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Section 17.36.010(B) to allow an accessory structure to be approximately twenty-four (24) feet instead of the maximum height of eighteen (18) feet allowed in the "R-1" Single-Family Residence District; and, a variance of Chapter 17.04 (Lot depth) to allow the lot depth to be greater than two and one-half (2.5) times the lot width

AREA: 92.52 acres

COMMENTS: None

OBJECTORS: Yes

PLANNING COMMISSION STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval. The petitioner is proposing to divide the subject property into three parcels (an approximate 14-acre parcel for a residence, an approximate 19-acre parcel for a residence, and an approximate 59-acre parcel to remain agricultural). While the LESA score of 206 indicates the subject property is suitable for agricultural use only, the subject property is located in a rural residential area where R-1 zoning is appropriate. While the lot depth is greater than 2.5 times the lot width, Proposed Parcels 1 and 2 are unique in that a portion of the rear yard is unbuildable due to the floodplain, and approximately half of the rear yard is heavily timbered. Other parcels in the area are zoned Agricultural, which has no height restrictions. The Standards for Variation are met.

SANGAMON COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS RECOMMENDATION:
Approval of Staff Recommendation.


RECORDING SECRETARY

SANGAMON COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF:) DOCKET NO: **2025-013**
Forsyth Family Spaulding Farm Trust)
)
) PROPERTY LOCATED AT:
) **5000-6000 Block of Dickerson Road**
) **Sherman, IL 62684**

RECOMMENDATION OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

THIS MATTER, Coming on for a hearing before the Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals of Sangamon County, Illinois, and it appearing to said Board that a petition for a **rezoning and variances** of the Zoning Regulations of said County has been filed herein by the above captioned petitioner(s); that legal publication has been made pursuant to law; and that a public hearing was held on **July 17, 2025** pursuant to law; and that said Board took testimony of witnesses, examined the evidence, and otherwise being fully advised in the premises, therefore finds as follows:

1. That said Board has jurisdiction to consider the petition filed herein.
2. That the above-captioned petitioner(s) is the owner(s) and/or has a beneficial interest in, contract to purchase, or is the County Board Member representing the property commonly known as: **5000-6000 Block of Dickerson Road, Sherman, IL 62684** and more particularly described as:

See Exhibit A

3. That the present zoning of said property is **"A" Agricultural District.**
4. That the present land use of said property is **Cropland, timber and agricultural buildings.**
5. That the proposed land use of said property is for **Proposed Parcel 1: Single-family residence with an accessory structure, for Proposed Parcel 2: Single-family residence with an accessory structure, and for Proposed Parcel 3: Cropland, timber, and agricultural buildings.**
6. That the requests for the subject property are for **Proposed Parcels 1 and 2: pursuant to Chapters 17.68 and 17.12, a rezoning from "A" Agricultural District to "R-1" Single Family Residence District; pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Section 17.36.010(B) to allow an accessory structure to be approximately twenty-four (24) feet instead of the maximum height of eighteen (18) feet allowed in the "R-1" Single-Family Residence District; and, a variance of Chapter 17.04 (Lot depth) to allow the lot depth to be greater than two and one-half (2.5) times the lot width.**
7. That required findings and standards of the Sangamon County Board of Appeals are accurately stated on the attached exhibit(s).
8. The evidence adduced at the hearing **does** support the proposition that the adoption of the proposed **rezoning and variances** is in the public interest and is not solely in the interest of the petitioner(s).

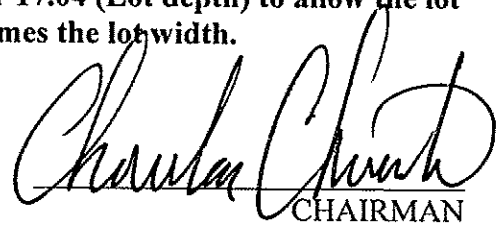
IT IS, THEREFORE, the recommendation of the Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals to the County Board of Sangamon County that the following requests **are hereby approved:**

For Proposed Parcel 1:

- Pursuant to Chapters 17.68 and 17.12, a rezoning from **"A" Agricultural District to "R-1" Single-Family Residence District;**
- Pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Section 17.36.010(B) to allow an accessory structure to be approximately twenty-four (24) feet instead of the maximum height of eighteen (18) feet allowed in the **"R-1" Single-Family Residence District; and,**
- Pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Chapter 17.04 (Lot depth) to allow the lot depth to be greater than two and one-half (2.5) times the lot width; and ,

For Proposed Parcel 2:

- Pursuant to Chapters 17.68 and 17.12, a rezoning from **"A" Agricultural District to "R-1" Single-Family Residence District;**
- Pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Section 17.36.010(B) to allow an accessory structure to be approximately twenty-four (24) feet instead of the maximum height of eighteen (18) feet allowed in the **"R-1" Single-Family Residence District; and,**
- Pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Chapter 17.04 (Lot depth) to allow the lot depth to be greater than two and one-half (2.5) times the lot width.


CHAIRMAN

MINUTES OF THE
SANGAMON COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

There was a motion by Zoning Board Member, **Don Wulf**, which was duly seconded by **George Petrilli**, to concur with the findings of fact and recommendation of the Regional Planning Commission and recommend to the County Board that the following requests **are hereby approved**:

For Proposed Parcel 1:

- Pursuant to Chapters 17.68 and 17.12, a rezoning from “A” Agricultural District to “R-1” Single-Family Residence District;
- Pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Section 17.36.010(B) to allow an accessory structure to be approximately twenty-four (24) feet instead of the maximum height of eighteen (18) feet allowed in the “R-1” Single-Family Residence District; and,
- Pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Chapter 17.04 (Lot depth) to allow the lot depth to be greater than two and one-half (2.5) times the lot width; and ,

For Proposed Parcel 2:

- Pursuant to Chapters 17.68 and 17.12, a rezoning from “A” Agricultural District to “R-1” Single-Family Residence District;
- Pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Section 17.36.010(B) to allow an accessory structure to be approximately twenty-four (24) feet instead of the maximum height of eighteen (18) feet allowed in the “R-1” Single-Family Residence District; and,
- Pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Chapter 17.04 (Lot depth) to allow the lot depth to be greater than two and one-half (2.5) times the lot width.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

YES: **Don Wulf, George Petrilli, JD Sudeth, Charlie Chimento**

NO: **Richard Thompson**

PRESENT:

ABSENT: **Anthony Mares**


RECORDING SECRETARY

**SANGAMON COUNTY
RECOMMENDED - FINDINGS OF FACT**

Case #: **2025-013**

Address: **5000-6000 Block of Dickerson Road, Sherman**

- (i) Existing uses of property within the general area of the property in question.

North – Pasture and cropland. East – Residence, pasture, cropland, and timber. South – Cropland and timber. West – Residence, manufactured home, cemetery, cropland, and timber.

- (ii) The zoning classification of property within the general area of the property in question.

North, East, South, & West – Agricultural.

- (iii) The suitability of the property in question to the uses permitted under the existing zoning classification.

While the LESA score of 206 indicates the subject property is suitable for agricultural use only, the subject property is located in a rural residential area where R-1 zoning is appropriate.

- (iv) The trend of development, within the vicinity since the property was originally classified.

The trend of development in the area is rural residential and agricultural. In 2020, R-1 and a lot area variance were granted for a parcel, and variances for a lot less than 40 acres and lot area were granted for a parcel west of the subject property. In 2019, R-1 was granted for one parcel, and a variance for a parcel less than 40 acres was granted for another parcel southeast of the subject property. In 2011, B-3 was denied, and a Use Variance was granted for a contractor west of the subject property. In 1998, lot width variances were granted for two parcels west of the subject property. In 1984, B-2 was denied, and a Use Variance was granted for a woodworking shop west of the subject property.

**SANGAMON COUNTY
RECOMMENDED - STANDARDS FOR VARIATIONS**

Case #: 2025-013

Address: 5000-6000 Block of Dickerson Road, Sherman

The Zoning Board of Appeals shall not recommend to the Sangamon County Board that the regulations of this ordinance be varied as authorized in F. (1) hereof, unless it shall make findings of fact based upon the evidence presented to it in each specified case:

- (i) that the property in question cannot be economically used or yield a reasonable return, if permitted to be used only for the conditions allowed by the regulations.

Granting the requested lot-width-depth variances will facilitate a division of the subject property into an approximate 14-acre parcel and an approximate 19-acre parcel, which is consistent with other rural residential parcels. Allowing an accessory structure to be 24 feet instead of 18 feet in the R-1 District would be consistent with the height of accessory structures located on properties in this area that are zoned Agricultural, which has no height restrictions.

- (ii) that the plight of the owner is due to circumstances unique to the property and not generally applicable to other property in the area.

While the lot depth is greater than 2.5 times the lot width, Proposed Parcels 1 and 2 are unique in that a portion of the rear yard is unbuildable due to the floodplain, and approximately half of the rear yard is heavily timbered. Other parcels in the area are zoned Agricultural, which has no height restrictions.

- (iii) that the variation, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the locality, impair an adequate supply of light and air to adjacent property, increase the congestion of traffic, or diminish or impair property values in the locality.

Negative impacts are not anticipated.

LAND EVALUATION AND SITE ASSESSMENT**Part 1: Site Assessment**

Part 1: Site Assessment	Available Points	Points
<u>AGRICULTURAL/RURAL LAND WITHIN .5 MILE</u>		
90% or more	20	20
75-89%	10	
50-74%	5	
Under 50%	0	
<u>CONTIGUOUS AGRICULTURAL/RURAL LAND</u>		
90% or more	20	10
75-89%	10	
50-74%	5	
Under 50%	0	
<u>PERCENTAGE OF SITE AGRICULTURAL/RURAL</u>		
75-100%	10	10
50-74%	5	
Under 50%	0	
<u>COUNTY SECTOR</u>		
Rural	20	10
0.5 mile from incorporated area	10	
Incorporated area	0	
<u>SOIL WITH SEVERE RESTRICTIONS FOR ON-SITE WASTE DISPOSAL</u>		
75% or more	20	20
50-74%	10	
25-49%	5	
Less than 25% or sewer available	0	
<u>ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED USE</u>		
Negative impact	15	5
Little or none with protective measures	5	
Little or none	0	
<u>IMPACT ON UNIQUE HISTORICAL/CULTURAL FEATURES</u>		
Negative impact	10	0
No impact	0	

<u>CONDITION OF ROAD</u>		
unpaved, <40' ROW, or < 16' pavement	20	20
16'-18' pavement, 40' ROW	15	
18'-20' pavement, 40' ROW	10	
> 20' pavement, 40' ROW or County or State Highway	0	

<u>AVAILABILITY OF PUBLIC SEWER</u>		
Not available	15	15
Sewer over 600'-1200' away	8	
Private central sewage system	5	
Sewer 600' or less away and available	0	

<u>AVAILABILITY OF PUBLIC WATER</u>		
Not available	20	20
1,000-1,500' away	15	
Less than 1,000' away	5	
Public water available at site	0	

<u>DISTANCE FROM RESPONDING FIREHOUSE</u>		
Not in fire protection district	20	5
More than 5 miles or fire protection by assignment	10	
2.6-5 miles	5	
0-2.5 miles	0	

<u>DRIVING TIME TO HIGH SCHOOL</u>		
Over 30 minutes	10	0
15-30 minutes	5	
Less than 15 minutes	0	

SITE ASSESSMENT TOTAL	135
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Part 2: Agricultural Land Evaluation (Based on Sangamon County Soil Survey)

<u>Soil</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Relative Value</u>	<u>Points</u>
198A	Elburn	P		100	
199A	Plano	P		100	
43A	Ipava	P	3	100	3
7148A	Proctor	P		100	
46A	Herrick	P		100	
7037A	Worthen	P	4	100	4
705A	Buckhart	P		98	
199B	Plano	P		98	
36B	Tama	P		98	
244A	Hartsburg	P2		98	
257A	Clarksdale	P2		98	
68A	Sable	P2		87	
679B	Blackberry	P		87	
705B	Buckhart	P		87	
86B	Osco	P	5	87	4
684B	Broadwell	P		87	
50A	Virden	P2		87	
712A	Spaulding	P2		87	
127B	Harrison	P		87	
3077A	Huntsville	P3	8	87	7
138A	Shiloh	P2		87	
249A	Edinburg	P2		87	
242A	Kendall	P2		87	
7242A	Kendall	P2		87	
134A	Camden	P		87	
17A	Keomah	P2		87	
3451A	Lawson	P3	49	75	37
3107A	Sawmill	P5	4	75	3
7075B	Drury	P		75	
8396A	Vesser	P2	0	75	
3074A	Radford	P3		75	
3073A	Ross	P3		75	
3284A	Tice	P3		75	
279B	Rozetta	P	2	75	2
45A	Denny	P2		75	
134B	Camden	P	2	75	2
112A	Cowden	P2		75	
685B	Middletown	P		75	
3405A	Zook	P5		75	
131C2	Alvin	P		75	
86C2	Osco	I	0	74	
36C2	Tama	I		74	
684C2	Broadwell	I		74	
119C2	Elco	I		74	
119D	Elco	I		74	
127C2	Harrison	I		74	
119D2	Elco	I		74	
567C2	Elkhart	I	2	74	1
134C2	Camden	I		74	
259C2	Assumption	I		74	

685C2	Middletown	I		74	
280D2	Fayette	I	6	74	4
119D3	Elco	N	5	74	4
259D2	Assumption	I	0	74	
212C2	Thebes	I		74	
630C2	Navlys	I		74	
630D2	Navlys	I		74	
630D3	Navlys	I		57	
131D2	Alvin	I		57	
8D	Hickory	I		50	
8D2	Hickory	I		50	
280D3	Fayette	I		44	
8D3	Hickory	I		44	
8F	Hickory	N		44	
549G	Marseilles	N	7	0	
533	Urban Land	N			
536	Dumps	N			
830	Orthents, Land	N			
862	Pits, Sand	N			
864	Pits, Quarries	N			
801C	Orthents, Silty	N			
W	Water				

Prime/Important Farmlands Designations:

P: Prime farmland

P2: Prime where drained

P3: Prime where protected from flooding or flooding is less often than once in two years during the growing season.

P5: Prime where drained and either protected from flooding or flooding is less often than once in two years during the growing season.

I: Important farmland

N: Not Prime/Important Farmland

AGRICULTURAL LAND EVALUATION TOTAL

71

GRAND TOTAL

206

Fewer than 150 points shall be deemed acceptable for non-agricultural development.

From 150 - 175 points is considered marginal requiring mitigating factors for non-ag development.

Greater than 175 points shall be considered suitable for agricultural use only.