

*The Zoning Board of the Town of Murphy met for their regular scheduled meeting on April 3, 2019 in City Hall.*

Those present were: Frank Dickey, Blake Hughes, John Fowler, and Noland Smith. Town Manager Chad Simons was also present. Town Attorney Mack Cowan was present. Allison Outdoor Officials were also present.

**Approval of the Minutes**

**Motion was made by Fowler, seconded by Hughes to approve the March 3, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Allison Outdoors Billboard Request**

Claude Dex of Allison Outdoors requested permission to convert an existing billboard within the General Business District to a digital billboard. Mr. Dex said he consulted with his attorney and came up with a solution that would allow billboards to be constructed on that property only within the General Business District.

Town Attorney Mack Cowan maintained that the proposed solution wasn't legally valid because any alterations would be deemed an improvement. The only way the Zoning Board could send it to the Council for approval is to amend the zoning code to allow for billboards within the General Business District, according to Mr. Cowan. Mr. Cowan also explained that because a zoning permit was issued and the current billboard is still there, the Council could not force the property owner to remove it. Mr. Cowan said it was deemed to be a "stay."

The Zoning Board discussed the matter at length. Vice-Chairperson Noland Smith asked if there was a motion to grant Allison Outdoor's Request to the Town Council for approval. No second. Motion failed.

Motion was made by Fowler, seconded by Hughes to adjourn the meeting at 1:23 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary