

Meade County Board of Adjustments meets to discuss road variance



Meade County Board of Adjustments Chair, Deborah Gibson, clarified the positioning of a new driveway for a parcel of property off of Old Weldon Road.

Earlene Bohannon
Editor

Meade County’s Board of Adjustments met at the Meade County Courthouse on Monday, August 11, 2025, to discuss an application seeking approval for a road variance. Present were Board Members Deborah Gibson, Ben Sheeran, Eddie Bohannon, and Greg Stith. Absent was Board Member Gary Miller.

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 am. Minutes were read. Motion to approve was made by Sheeran and seconded by Stith. There was no old business.

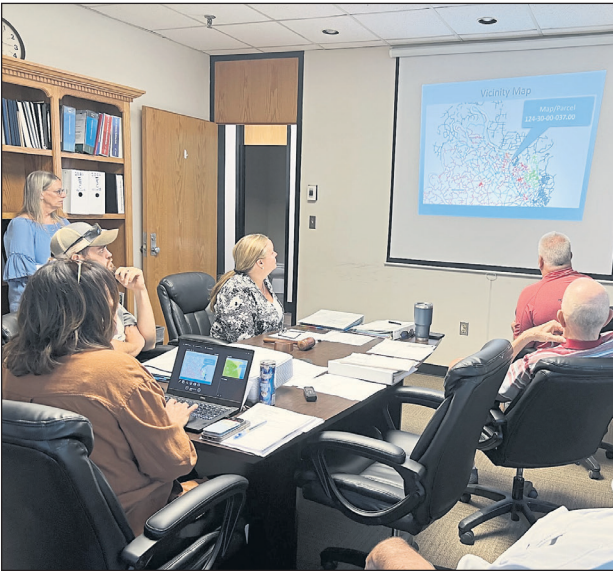
On the agenda for the meeting was a request for a dimensional variance by property owner Brad Thomas at 1186 Weldon Road in Brandenburg. Thomas was not present for the meeting. The property in question is zoned A2 and R1. Thomas is requesting a 102-foot frontage road variance from the roadway as opposed to the 200-foot that is usually required. It was noted by Jennifer McKinney that the request would have

no negative impact on surrounding properties.

Thomas is requesting that he be able to divide the 5-acres in question in order to allow a family member to place a home on the property.

The board members had many questions that McKinney was unable to answer as the property owner had not yet provided all of the information needed. After it was confirmed that the 5-acres would be divided into two separate parcels, the board asked if there had been a perk test on the property. They also requested information on the existence of the original sewer system and discussed whether it would be adequate for the new double wide mobile home that is planned for the property. It was determined that although the answers to these questions would be helpful for decision making, it wasn’t necessary since those conditions are required to be met by other county entities prior to approval.

The board had several questions regarding the hard curve that is on Weldon Road just



Photos by Earlene Bohannon | The Messenger
Members of the Meade County Board of Adjustments look at slides that provide information for a recent road variance request.

in front of the property. There is currently only one driveway in use for the entire 5-acres. There is a nearby driveway to the right of the current Thomas driveway that belongs to a neighboring property owner. McKinney said Thomas told her the current plan is to have a drive for the new home split off of the original driveway and fork to the right to gain access to that portion of the land. Gibson said she would be concerned if there were to be three driveways located at that hard curve on Old Weldon Road. Sometimes traffic for that area is busy. Gibson was concerned about the possibility of vehicles parking on the curved graveled area near the roadway and causing unsafe congestion to the area. It was determined that there would not be a third driveway needed and traffic to the property should enter through the original drive using the planned extension to gain access.

The floor was opened for Thomas’ bordering neighbors to address the board with comments and questions. Randy

and Darlene Magallon, Robert Pact and Diane Benham each spoke to the board sharing observations of previous tenants of the property as well as thoughts of the upcoming plans. Benham remarked that the property is not in a flood zone.

Stith stated that the property owners could enter into a surveyed recorded easement agreement to share a private lane for the driveway needs for all who would be sharing the property to access the space. Stith said this would avoid the need to create new access from the roadway to be used for driveway purposes.

Stith made a motion to table the request until further information from the applicant could be obtained. Bohannon seconded the motion. Gibson took a poll and the board members voted unanimously to table further discussion on approval to give the applicant time to provide more information.

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 am.

KNOX NEWS



Photo submitted by Earlene Bohannon | The Messenger
Visitors must provide a REAL ID or a passport to obtain a pass to visit the Ft Knox Army installation.

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Editor

Fort Knox (Ft Knox) Schools returned for their 2025-2026 school year on August 4, 2025. The schools at Ft Knox have reorganized beginning with this school year. Ft Knox Middle High School is now once again Ft Knox High School for grades 9-12. Scott Intermediate School is now Scott Middle School and will house grades 6-8. Van Voorhis Elementary School and Kingsolver Elementary Schools will teach pre-kindergarten through 5th grades. Superintendent of Ft Knox Schools, Kimberly Dunn, is pleased with the reorganization and feels that students are now in more developmentally appropriate settings.

On July 18, Ft Knox Garrison Commander Col. Chris Ricci handed over the reins of the Garrison to Col. David Holstead at a change of command ceremony in Waybur Theater. During Ricci’s command, Fort Knox won “Best Army Installation.” This is Holstead’s fourth assignment at Fort Knox, “we’re back home,” remarked Holstead during the ceremony.

The Fort Knox Water Park will remain open on Saturdays and Sundays beginning August

3 through September 1, 2025. Non-military members may purchase access to use the swimming pool with a pass from the Visitor’s Center.

The Lindsey Golf Course, located at Fort Knox will host a two-day golf tournament on September 20-21. Registration deadline is August 29. Call 502-624-2717 for more information. This tournament is open to anyone who is able to obtain a pass at the Visitor’s Center.

Scouting America visited Fort Knox recently to learn more about the Army. They met with installation firefighters, working military dogs, got up close with Blackhawk Helicopters, and learned about leadership.

Many events hosted at Ft Knox are open to the general public, including non-military individuals. The upcoming Oktoberfest, most hunting and fishing events, and the Fort Knox Museum are just a few of the opportunities for people to participate in activities at the army base. To attend Ft Knox Events, non-military individuals over the age of 18 will need a REAL ID or a valid Passport and will need to check in at the Visitor’s Center to obtain a pass to proceed onto the installation.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

August 23:

- Christmas Across the USA Holiday Ornament Exchange through November 30; Brandenburg Nursing and Rehabilitation Center; Brandenburg.
- Kentucky State Fair; Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center; Louisville.
- Back to school drive through August 31; Meade County Otter Creek Campground; Otter Creek Park; Brandenburg.
- Annual yard sale; Brandenburg Outreach; Brandenburg; Time TBA.
- Dollar General Store Food Distribution; basement of Muldraugh United Methodist Church; 11 a.m..
- Chamber of Commerce Luncheon; Meade County Extension Office; Brandenburg; 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Karaoke; Fiddlers Green; Saber and Quill; Fort Knox; 6-10 p.m.
- Free Family Movie Night-”The King of Kings”; Salem Baptist Church; Brandenburg; 6:30 p.m.
- Bingo, St. Mary Magdalen of Pazzi Catholic Church; Payneville; 7 p.m.
- Dance featuring Southern Blend Band; Meade County Senior Citizens Center; 7 to 10 p.m.
- Cosmic Bowling; Houston Bowling Center; Fort Knox; 8-10 p.m.
- Karaoke; The Shop; Brandenburg; 8 p.m.-12 a.m.

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- Kentucky State Fair; Kentucky; Fair and Exposition Center; Louisville.
- Annual Yard Sale; Brandenburg Outreach; Brandenburg; Time TBA.
- Fort Knox Family and MWR Kayak Day; Nolin River; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Register online at <https://www.knox.armymwr.com>.
- Devers Middle School and Fort Knox Teen Center Paintball; Conders Paintball Field; Elizabethtown; 9:45 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Red Eye Group AA Meeting; Alcohalt House; Brandenburg; 10 a.m.
- Saturday Spotlight Author Talk; Harrison County Public Library; Corydon; 11 a.m. Call (812) 738-5412 to register.
- Butterfly Release; Meade County History Museum; Brandenburg; 1 p.m.
- Holy Guardian Angel Catholic Church Picnic; Irvington; 2 p.m. EDT.
- Coming Home Group AA Meeting; The Acceptance Place; Irvington; 8 p.m.
- Cosmic Bowling; Houston Bowling Center; Fort Knox; 8-10 p.m.
- Live Band; The Shop; Brandenburg; 9 p.m.-12:30

a.m.

August 24

- Kentucky State Fair through August 24; Fair and Exposition Center; Louisville.
- Sunday Fun Day; The Shop; Brandenburg; 1 p.m.
- Bingo, VFW #11404; Brandenburg; 1 p.m.
- Sunday Concert Series; Linda Smith Band; Turtle Run Winery; Corydon; 2 p.m.

August 25:

- Saint Martin/Saint John Co-Ed Church Softball League begins; Meade Olin Park; Brandenburg.
- Dollar General Store Food Distribution; basement of Muldraugh United Methodist Church; 11 a.m.
- Kids Baking; S’more Bites; age 5-12; Meade County Public Library; Brandenburg; 5-6 p.m.
- Celebrate Recovery; Radiant Church Ministry Campus; Brandenburg; 6 p.m.

August 26:

- Free Cat Spay/Neuter Day; Riverfront Park; Pavilion 3; downtown Brandenburg. By appointment only. Register at <https://www.kyhumane.org/services>.
- Toddler Story Time; Barr Memorial Library; Fort Knox; 10 a.m.
- Dance with Over the Hill Band; Meade County Senior Citizen Center; Brandenburg; 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- 2.50 Tuesday; Houston Bowling Center; Fort Knox; 11a.m.-8 p.m.
- Stitches in Time; Harrison County Public Library; Corydon; 12:30-2:30 p.m.
- Adult Bingo; Meade County Public Library; Brandenburg; 1 p.m.
- Tap Tuesday; Samuel Adams Brewhouse; Fort Knox; 4-7 p.m.
- Taco Tuesday; Samuel Adams Brewhouse; Fort Knox; 4-11 p.m.
- Corydon Community Conversation; Harrison County Public Library; Corydon; 6 p.m.
- Rook; The Shop; Brandenburg; 6:30 p.m.
- Line Dancing; The Shop; Brandenburg; 7-9 p.m.

August 27:

- Patriotic Sun Catcher Craft; Meade County Senior Citizens Center; Brandenburg; 10 a.m.
- Stitch Brigade; Army Community Service; Fort Knox; 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Walk About Wednesdays; Vincent Kieta Welcome Center; Saunders Spring Nature Preserve; Radcliff; 11 a.m.
- Vertical Vibes Climbing Club; Smith Gym; Fort

Knox; 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

- Fiddlers Feast; Fiddlers Green, Saber and Quill; Fort Knox; 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Trivia Night; Old State Capitol VFW Post #2950; Corydon; 1 p.m.
- Easy Edibles: Desserts, Cakes, and Cookies; Meade County Public Library; Brandenburg; 1 or 5 p.m. Register on Meade County Public Library website at www.meadereads.org.
- WITS Workout; Meade County Extension Office; Brandenburg; 2 p.m.
- Supersized Game Night; Meade County Public Library; Brandenburg; 3:30-6:30 p.m.
- Facebook Marketplace Scams: Recognize and Avoid Scams Class; Army Community Service; Fort Knox; 5:30 p.m.
- Prayer Meeting; Muldraugh Baptist Church; Muldraugh; 6 p.m.
- New Hope AFG; St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church School; Flaherty; 6:30 p.m.
- Family Prayer Gathering; First Baptist Church; Brandenburg; 6:30-7:15 p.m.
- AWANA Kick-Off; Muldraugh Baptist Church; Muldraugh; 6:30-7:30 p.m. Register on Muldraugh Baptist Church Facebook page.
- Karaoke; The Shop; Brandenburg; 7-11 p.m.
- Bingo; VFW Post 11404; Brandenburg; 7 p.m.

August 28:

- Lincoln Trail Area Extension Homemakers Kick-Off; Hardin County Extension Office; Elizabethtown; 9-11:30 a.m. CDT; 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. EDT. Call (270) 765-4121 to RSVP.
- Thursday Throw down; Houston Bowling Center; Fort Knox; 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Road to Happy Destiny AA Meeting; The Acceptance Place; Irvington; 12 p.m.
- Resume Workshop; Meade County Public Library; Brandenburg; 4-5 p.m.
- German Conversation Group; Barr Memorial Library; Fort Knox; 5 p.m.
- First Tee Program; age 5-12; Meade Activity Center; Brandenburg; 5-6 p.m.
- Indoor Disc Golf Putting League; The Shop; Brandenburg; 6 p.m.
- Youth Doubles League; Houston Bowling Center; Fort Knox; 6-8 p.m.
- Trivia Night; Samuel Adams Brewhouse; Fort Knox; 6:30-8 p.m.
- High School Youth Group; grade 9-12; Bethel Methodist Church; Old Weldon; 7-8 p.m.
- Brandenburg Group AA Meeting; Alcohalt House; Brandenburg; 8 p.m.