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PIERCE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING -----A PRIL 18, 2005

President Bill Buckendahl opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. on April 18, 2005 in the Pierce City Office. The following members were present: Maynard Abler, Mike Steffen, Bill Buckendahl, Leon Janovy, Gerald Starkel, Lyndon Dejong, Kyle Simmons and Zoning Administrator Chad Anderson. Guests: Paul McIntosh, Pete Becker, Jim Schmidt, Mike Wichman and Executive Director of Behavioral Health Specialists, Inc. Connie Barnes.

Mike Wichman wants to sell the Willow Rose Bed and Breakfast to Behavioral Health Specialists, Inc. and requests a zoning change for the 7 acres. Connie Barnes reported that her group wants to start a group home which is a community base mental health provider. This will be for 12 to 18 youth (boys) that will live in the group home for 4 to 6 months. There will be approximately 18 full time certified staff. The property will be property tax exempt as this is a private non-profit corporation. Presently our zoning regulations do not allow a group home. The planning commission would have to amend the regulations as well grant a special use permit. The group stated that if the special use permit were too restrictive they would not purchase the property. Since this item was not on the agenda, no action could be taken. A special meeting will be scheduled for April 25, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. in the Pierce City Office. The purpose is to further discuss the Willow Rose Property and possibly schedule a hearing for a zoning change.

Mike Steffen moved to approve the minutes, with a second from Lyndon Dejong. Motion passed.

The following building permits were reviewed: Glenda Anderson & Ken Horst – Pole shed, Jim Weber – garage, Gary Zimmer – house addition, Merlin Toelle - pole building, Cory Pospisil – house addition, Tyler Hoth – new home and garage, Dennis Smith – steel building, Don Wood – utility shed, and Klint Arnold – pole shed and metal shed.

Chad Andersen gave a report on the Kearney Convention he attended.

Gerald Starkel moved a motion to adjourn, Maynard Abler seconded the motion. Motion passed. ~~Meeting adjourned.~~ Meeting adjourned.

Leon Janovy, Secretary