

**BLOUNT COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, February 6, 2014**

BZA MEMBERS PRESENT: Andy Allen, Larry Chesney, Bruce Damrow, and Stanley Headrick

Larry Chesney entertained a vote to approve last month minutes and seconded by Bruce Damrow. The vote received a unanimous approval.

CASES BEING HEARD AND ACTIONS TAKEN:

- 1. SPECIAL EXCEPTION: One
3270 Blair Road**
- 2. APPEAL: None**
- 3. VARIANCE: None**

Special Exception:

The applicant is requesting for a cellular tower to be located at 3270 Blair Road. The property is identified on tax map 027, parcel 039.01 and is zoned S-suburbanizing. The applicant is Verizon Wireless and they have submitted a complete application along with the site plan. The proposed tower is a 70 feet monopole with a 10 feet lightning rod attached to the top. The site plan shows that there is room for four antennas on this tower. The site plan also shows that all setback and separation requirements will be met. The closest property line is just over 248 feet from the towers base.

Kris Kinchen from Verizon Wireless spoke in favor of the tower at 3270 Blair Road. She stated that an 8 feet chain link fence will constructed around the site. Blair road is maintained half way up by the highway department and the other is maintained by Mr. Blair. It was also stated that all people that use Blair Road to access their house are members of the Blair family.

Mr. Blair spoke in favor of the tower and stated that he owed all the land and he had no intentions of selling the property. He said that his farm was there.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Breedlove spoke against the tower. He stated that he has done research that the towers give off radiation that could cause cancer. They stated that there are several towers already located in this area and that they did not see the reason for additional towers. They have also had many problems with lightning strikes in this area and worry that the tower would cause more lightning strikes.

Bruce Damrow made a motion to approve the special exception and Stan Headrick seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Vote:	Andy Allen	YES
	Larry Chesney	YES
	Bruce Damrow	YES
	Stanley Headrick	YES

Appeal:

None

Variance

None

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.