

**ORDER: ACCEPT PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO
APPROVE VARIANCE FOR KEEL COMMUNICATIONS TOWER
TO CHANGE SETBACKS ON EAST, SOUTH AND WEST SIDES
OF NEW TOWER**

Motion was made by Kevin Frye, duly seconded by Chad McLarty, to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve variance for Keel Communications Tower to change setbacks on east, south and west sides of new tower.

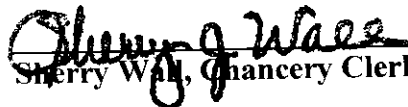
The vote on the motion was as follows:

Supervisor Kevin Frye. voted yes
Supervisor Jeff Busby. voted yes
Supervisor David Rikard. voted yes
Supervisor Chad McLarty. voted yes
Supervisor Mike Roberts. voted yes

After the vote, President Busby, declared the motion carried, this the 1st day of May, 2017.



Jeff Busby, President
Board of Supervisors



Sherry Wall, Chancery Clerk

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RE: Fall-Radius Variance Request for the "Keel" Communications Tower Replacement Project, 643-Z Hwy. 30 East, Oxford, Lafayette County, MS 38655

To Whom It May Concern:

KeyPoint Communications, LLC, acting as an agent for AT&T Mobility, is requesting a variance for the set-back requirements for new telecommunications towers in Lafayette County MS for a new 490' tower requiring all-new tower and guy anchor foundations to replace the existing 490' tower that is believed to have been constructed on its current site in 1992. The existing tower currently has the following tenants: AT&T Mobility, C-Spire, DOJ Drug Enforcement Administration, DOJ Federal Bureau of Investigation, and North East Mississippi Electric Power Association. AT&T and C-Spire would like to upgrade their existing equipment on the tower to align their transmission and receiving capabilities with 4G LTE overlay equipment to further improve their respective technologies in the ever-changing landscape of wireless communications. The result of the most-recent structural analysis of the existing tower dated March 30, 2017, provides that the existing tower and associated foundations are rated at 187% of capacity, thus rendering the structure to have insufficient capacity to safely handle the existing and desired future loading.

The center of the replacement tower would be approximately 25' southeast of the existing tower if the variance request is approved. Once constructed, the existing tower and all associated foundations would be removed from the site. The affected adjoining land owners are Larry D. Moffett bordering the tower-site property on the east and south, and Steven J. Freeman on the west. I have met personally with each of these gentlemen on 2 separate occasions to explain the project and to provide them with copies of all pertinent documents to explain in detail the scope of the entire proposed project, as demonstrated by acknowledgement letters signed individually by them.

The variance requests for set-back requirements are as follows:

East of new tower: Approximately 189' on property owned by Larry D. Moffett
South of new tower: Approximately 231' on property owned by Larry D. Moffett
West of new tower: Approximately 446' on property owned by Steven J. Freeman

Thus, I am respectfully asking the Lafayette County Planning Department and the Lafayette County Board of Supervisors to approve the outlined variance request so that the strategic location of the existing telecommunications site can continue to provide this important bit of infrastructure to the ever-increasing public demand for effective, high-quality wireless communications.

Respectively Submitted,

(ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED)

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