

**Minutes of the Marion County Board of Adjustments
September 9, 2025**

The Marion County Board of Adjustments met at Marion County Annex East Building, 3014 E. Main St., Knoxville, IA 50138 on September 9, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m.

Members Present: Debra Kearney (via Zoom), Dale Miller, Jan Szlachetka

Members Absent: Danielle Huffine, Loren Van Wyk

Public Present: Joshua Petersen, Tony Shilling

Vice-Chair Miller called for a motion to approve the July 22, 2025 minutes. Szlachetka made a motion to approve. Second by Kearney.

Kearney	aye
Miller	aye
Szlachetka	aye

Poffenbarger presented Variance 2025-964 – Josh Petersen is requesting a thirty (30) foot variance on 55.26 (6) setback regulations to allow for an attached accessory structure to be constructed forty-five (45) feet from the north property line at 1877 Hwy 14, Knoxville. Explained zoning history and setback requirements. Neighbor, Synhorst Family, submitted a letter of approval for the request.

Petersen provided explanation for request.

Miller asked for a motion to close the public portion of the hearing. Szlachetka made a motion to close the public hearing. Second by Kearney.

Kearney	aye
Miller	aye
Szlachetka	aye

Miller asked for a motion to take action on Variance 2025-964 - Josh Petersen is requesting a thirty (30) foot variance on 55.26 (6) setback regulations to allow for an attached accessory structure to be constructed forty-five (45) feet from the north property line at 1877 Hwy 14, Knoxville. Szlachetka made a motion to approve Variance 2025-964 as proposed. Second by Kearney.

Kearney	aye
Miller	aye
Szlachetka	aye

Poffenbarger presented Variance 2025-965 – Tony Shilling for Shilling Excavating Inc., is requesting to install a 30' x 80' "ag storage" building on Parcel 2379201000, 1099 Story Dr., Knoxville. The variance request is for a nineteen (19) foot variance to allow the building to be sixteen (16) feet off of the ROW and be forty-nine (49) feet from the center of Story Dr. instead of the required sixty-eight (68) feet (35' setback plus 33' of ROW off Story Dr.). The owner defines the building as an "ag building." This is a 1-acre lot. Per the checklist used in the Zoning office this does not qualify administratively as ag exempt because it is a mixed use (ag equipment and company equipment on same parcel). Looked at various options. Explained comments from County Engineer – a 10-foot variance is acceptable.

Shilling spoke about options discussed with Zoning and Engineer. Explained what use will be for new building and why other options will not work.

Miller asked for a motion to take action on Variance 2025-965 – Tony Shilling for Shilling Excavating Inc., is requesting a nineteen (19) foot variance to allow a building to be built sixteen (16) feet off of the ROW and be forty-nine (49) feet from the center of the road at 1099 Story Dr., Knoxville. Motion made by Szlachetka to approve the nineteen (19) foot variance as requested. Second by Kearney.

Miller called for a motion to adjourn. Szlachetka made the motion to adjourn. Second by Kearney.

Kearney	aye
Miller	aye
Szlachetka	aye

Minutes by: Karie Ellwanger

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