



The Town of Coopertown
5153 Burgess Gower Rd.
Springfield, TN 37172
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**BOARD OF ZONING
APPEALS MEETING
Monday, January 12, 2026
5:00 P.M.**

MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Krause at 5:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Cara Lord called roll in Nile Frase's absence.

Members Present:

Bob Krause, Chairman
Bob Little, Vice Chairman
Cara Lord

Member(s) Absent:

Will Wojcik
Nile Frase

Other Attendees:

Vicky Bumgardner, Building Commissioner
Brian Halma, GNRC Sr. Planning Consultant

IV. Approve Meeting Minutes from November 17, 2025

Bob Little motioned to approve the minutes from November 17, 2025.

Bob Krause seconded the motion.

Cara Lord called roll:

Cara Lord	YES
Bob Krause	YES
Bob Little	YES

The motion passed unanimously.

V. **Business**

1. **Holly Lamar- Special Exception request to operate a Falconry Business as a Major Home Occupation at 6117 Henry Gower Road, zoned Rural Residential (RA), Map 110, Parcel 044.00 currently owned by Allen Keymon**

Members asked questions of Ms. Lumar who explained her plans. Birds will be housed both in the house and in individual cages outside. The cages are not permanent structures and there will be no new structures built. Class sizes range from 3 or 4 people to no more than 12 people. The classes will be behind the house and out of view; flying of the birds will take place in the back field. There will be no operating past dark. Currently there are 18 birds, 20 maximum but generally 8. These are not hunting birds. They are trained birds who know to return for food. And neighbors on both sides of the property have been notified and have no issues with the birds.

Cara Lord made a motion to approve the applicant’s falconry business.
Bob Little seconded the motion.

Cara Lord called roll:

Bob Little	YES
Bob Krause	YES
Cara Lord	YES

The motion passed unanimously.

2. **Coopertown Middle School – Variance request for a digital sign to replace existing sign at 3820 Hwy 49 W.**

Board asked questions about sign dimensions and if it will look like the sign at the Elementary School.

Steven Sorrells, Robertson County Assistant Director of Schools Operations presented on behalf of the school. He stating the School Board is installing uniform signs across the county. This sign will be slightly smaller than the one at Coopertown Elementary School. Plans are to move it down about 25 feet from the entrance. The existing sign will be removed.

Bob Little made a motion to approve the new sign as presented.
Bob Krause seconded the motion.

Cara Lord called roll:

Bob Little	YES
Bob Krause	YES
Cara Lord	YES

The motion passed unanimously.

3. Appoint New Officers – Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary.

Members agreed to reinstate the Chairman and Vice Chairman and appoint Cara Lord as Secretary.

Bob Krause made the motion.
Bob Little seconded the motion.

Cara Lord called roll:

Bob Little	YES
Bob Krause	YES
Cara Lord	YES

The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Comments from Members and Staff

None.

VII. Adjournment

Cara Lord made a motion to adjourn.
Bob Krause seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

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These minutes are respectfully submitted by: Robert Krause APRIL 20, 2026
Chairman Date