



## **Media Release**

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### **Madison County Board of Supervisors to Appeal Rezoning Decision for Portions of Bozeman Road**

**Statement by Gerald Steen, President of the Madison County Board of Supervisors**

Supervisor Gerald Steen, President of the Madison County Board of Supervisors, announced today that the Board of Supervisors will appeal the decision handed down last week by the Circuit Court regarding 350 acres of property near the future Reunion Parkway interchange. The property is owned by the Bozeman Family Limited Partnership.

In 2023, the petition to rezone the property from SU-1 special use district to C-2 commercial district came in front of the Board of Supervisors **twice** (May and June 2023) **where both sides of the issue were heard and ultimately the petition was approved**. Steen said **“That is what is in our minutes—and that is how this Board speaks.”**

In addition, prior to reaching the Board for action, the rezoning was approved by the Madison County Planning and Zoning Commission in February 2023.

In its opinion, the Circuit Court said the rezoning amounted to “contract zoning” (which the Mississippi Supreme Court has recognized as “an agreement between a property owner and a local government where the owner agrees to certain conditions in return for the government’s rezoning or enforceable promise to rezone”).

Madison County Board of Supervisors President Gerald Steen stated, “I have read the Opinion & Order and I attended the hearing on the appeal where our attorney and **the Bozeman Family attorney** fully explained—in open court and on the record--that there was **never any deal** to rezone the property in exchange for land.”

Steen continued, “The Bozeman family’s petition went through all of the proper channels for rezoning, and **this Board** made a decision based on the petition and **nothing else – that is what the Board Minutes show.**”

Steen concluded, “There is **nothing** in the Board’s minutes that would indicate there was ever **any promise** to rezone the Bozeman family’s property. We are looking forward to moving this matter through the appeals process.”

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