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Warrenton P&Z approves data center plan

Project advances to aldermen after 8-2 vote

By William Carroll
EDITOR

The Warrenton Planning and Zoning Commission approved a conditional use permit and site plan for the proposed data center in Warrenton by an 8-2 vote Thursday, Jan. 8.

The vote followed a presentation and nearly an hour and a half of public comment regarding a plan submitted by Crusoe, the vertical developer on the project during the commission's meeting Thursday. The two votes against the measure were by commissioners Scott Costello and Melissa Jepsen.

Costello had brought up an issue regarding proposed tax revenues from the project, which received significant comment from the commission members. Costello wanted guarantees from Crusoe that it would not seek tax abatements, especially with respect to personal property and sales taxes. He also wanted Crusoe to commit to a requirement that any tenant or occupant of the project procure all equipment locally that would be subject to local sales and use taxes.

Ultimately after extensive debate, especially from Commissioner John Cornell, the commissioners instead voted to

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A couple look at a map of the proposed data center for Warrenton during the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting Thursday, Jan. 8. Commission members voted 8-2 to approve the site plan and conditional use permit for the project, which will be located north of the Warrenton West interchange. The site plan and CUP will now be considered by the Warrenton Board of Aldermen on Tuesday, Jan. 20. The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. at the Warrenton High School commons.

William Carroll photo

Residents press for public vote, safeguards

By William Carroll
EDITOR

Nearly 30 area residents spoke during the public comment portion of the Warrenton Planning and Zoning Commission meeting Thursday, Jan. 8, with the majority voicing major concerns about the proposed data center project in Warrenton.

The public comment followed a presentation from representatives of Crusoe in support of their conditional use permit and site plan proposal for the data center, planned on property north of the Warrenton West interchange.

One of the primary issues brought up by several residents is a proposal to allow residents to vote on whether or not they even want a data center in Warrenton.

Resident Penny McClain said she was born and raised in Warren County and she said the project affects the environment and natural resources of the county.

"This needs to be on the ballot," McClain said. "The community needs to make the decision on what we want or don't want."

Resident Tom Lindewirth also called for a vote by the people of Warrenton. Resident Darcy Boles said she felt residents of the city and county should have a vote. "How can you 10 people make that

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More than a hobby

Wright City teen finds his calling with Clydesdales

By Jim Faasen
CORRESPONDENT

From the young age of 10, Will Masters has been enamored with Clydesdale horses.

It's just something about their regal nature, the Wright City junior said.

"I first was interested because of the Budweiser Clydesdales," Masters recalled. "They looked so sharp and uniform."

Masters gets the chance to work directly with his favorite horses on his aunt and uncle's horse farm — Primrose Clydesdales — located off Highway T in Foristell. Christina and Christopher Mann own the farm.

There are five Clydesdales on the farm, along with one paint, one pony and one palomino. Masters added that there are various other animals on the property, as well.

Masters said he doesn't consider caring for the horses to be work at all.

"They're a part of the family," he said. "I wouldn't call them a hobby."

Masters said that his love of horses comes from his aunt, Christina.

"My Aunt grew up working with horses," Masters said. "She has always loved all animals but especially horses. I am so lucky she, and the rest of my family,

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Wright City High School junior Will Masters has turned his passion for working with Clydesdale horses into a central facet of his everyday life. Masters juggles a busy schedule with caring for the animals on his aunt and uncle's farm in Foristell. Submitted photo

Construction on new school remains ahead of schedule

By Jim Faasen
CORRESPONDENT

As construction continues on the new Daniel Boone Elementary — located at Highway 47 and Ash Road — Matt McDermott from Hoerner Architects provided the Warren County R-III School Board with information on the project.

At the board's January meeting, McDermott presented status updates on the various parts of the overall project.

"The cement has gone down on the basin, so that can control what Mother Nature may throw at us if it rains in the next month or who knows what the rollercoaster of weather will bring," McDermott said. "It's good to get that basin tidied up."

McDermott added that the concrete has been poured and the parking lot has been striped.

He also provided progress reports on the HVAC system, drywalling, exterior sheathing, electrical, ductwork, the air handling unit, concrete piers for cooling towers and footing and bollards for the trash enclosures.

Even as the project moves along, there are still hurdles to clear before it is finished, McDermott cautioned.

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1990 TO 2025 LAND SALE COMPARISONS

BUILDING LOTS

1990 VS 2025
Average Lot Price
\$12,160 vs \$114,778
Price Per Acre
\$2,700 vs \$29,602 per acre

1,100% APPRECIATION!

LAND SALES

1990 VS 2025
1990 Average Price Per Acre
\$900
2025 Average Price Per Acre
\$15,251

1,700% APPRECIATION!

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