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Planning Commissioners Deny Turbine Variance

Atchison Planning Commissioners unanimously deny a variance for the construction of three wind turbines in a field near Atchison city limits Wednesday afternoon.

Michael Binder told Commissioners in the public hearing that his turbines imported from China were very strong and away from homes and businesses.

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Commissioners cited concern that Binder's turbines did not have stamped plans from a licensed engineer.

Commissioner Derek Franklin was concerned about setting a precedent if it passed.

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Other Commissioners expressed support otherwise if Binder could provide the proper stamping.

Commissioners did unanimously approve an 80 foot turbine for Dr John Gowney.

Commissioners also unanimously approved a variance for an increase in the size of a porch and construction of a garage at a residence at 1429 Atchison Street for Duane Denton.

Denton made his pitch for the variance prior to vote.

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The next planning commission meeting will take place on July 11th, due to the Independence Day holiday.

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