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Caldwell County Commissioners Deny Permit for Automobile Salvage Yard

Caldwell County Commissioners on Tuesday, May 24 denied an application by Flintrock Office Suites, LLC for a permit to operate an automobile salvage yard north of Lockhart.

Commissioners voted to deny the application for the proposed salvage yard at 5133, 5199 and 5211 US 183, citing its proximity to residential boundaries and a pond.

According to Doucet & Associates, an engineering firm hired by the County, the yard would have been located within 1,000 feet of a residential property line and within 1,500 feet of a body of water, which would have placed it in violation of Caldwell County ordinances.

Commissioners voted 3-2 to deny the permit, with B.J. Westmoreland, Barbara Shelton and County Judge Hoppy Haden voting in favor of denial and Commissioners Joe Roland and Ed Theriot voting against. Commissioner Shelton's successful motion to deny followed a failed motion by Theriot to approve the permit with stipulations that included testing runoff rainwater from storms for contaminants and making those findings available to the public upon request.

Theriot's motion failed 2-3 with Haden, Shelton and Westmoreland voting no.

Commissioners held a public hearing regarding Flintrock Office Suites' application at an April 12 regular meeting, at which four residents asked commissioners to deny the application due to concerns about how it would impact the environment.

[To view the resolution denying the permit, click here.](#)