

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMAN OF THE CITY OF GONZALES, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN ON TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024, 5:30 P.M., AT CITY HALL, 120 S. IRMA BLVD, GONZALES, LA 70737.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

R. Ryland Percy, III, Mayor
Councilman Tyler Turner
Councilman John A. Berthelot

Councilman Tim Riley
Councilman Kirk Boudreaux
Councilman Harold Stewart

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT:

Brandon Boylan, Finance Director
Jamie Schutte, City Attorney

Chief Sherman Jackson, Gonzales PD
Terri Delatorre, Administrative Secretary

Motion by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, seconded by Councilman Tim Riley, to approve the Minutes of a Public Hearing of the Mayor and City Council taken on Monday, May 13, 2024.

YEAS: Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilman John A. Berthelot, Councilman Tim Riley, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilman Harold Stewart

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion by Councilman Tyler Turner, seconded by Councilman Tim Riley, to approve the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council taken on Monday, May 13, 2024.

YEAS: Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilman John A. Berthelot, Councilman Tim Riley, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilman Harold Stewart

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, seconded by Councilman Tim Riley, to approve the Gonzales Weekly Citizen as the City's Official Journal.

YEAS: Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilman John A. Berthelot, Councilman Tim Riley, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilman Harold Stewart

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion by Councilman Tim Riley, seconded by Councilman Tyler Turner, to declare the following Gonzales Police Dept. patrol vests be surplus for destruction: Second Chance, Serial No. 20332482/20332483, Exp. March 2020; Point Blank, 180000401617, Exp. Nov. 2023; Safariland, Lot No. 149733, Serial No. 547060; Hallo Ballistic Systems, Serial No. 0912232200, Exp. Jan. 2015; American Body Armor, Serial No. 10100003/101000004, Exp. May 2015; Hallo Ballistic Systems, Serial No. 0912232191, Exp. Jan. 2015; Second Chance, Serial No. 08044050, Exp. Aug. 2009; Second Chance, Serial No. 20693505/20693504, Exp. April 2021.

YEAS: Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilman John A. Berthelot, Councilman Tim Riley, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilman Harold Stewart

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion by Councilman Harold Stewart, seconded by Councilman Tim Riley, to declare the following Gonzales Fire Dept. items as surplus: Mercury Hypalon Boat, Serial No. USA36242/a1111; Honda Outboard Motor, Serial No. BATJ-1100002; Fishser Marine Aluminum Boat, Hull No. FMCB51FKB191; McClain Boat Trailer, VIN 4LYBG16185H001817; 1974 Pierce/Mack Ladder Truck, VIN CF611FC1672; 2001 Ford/AEV Ambulance, VIN 1FDXE45F51HA38276.

YEAS: Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilman John A. Berthelot, Councilman Tim Riley, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilman Harold Stewart

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, seconded by Councilman Tim Riley, to approve changes to the Ambulance Fee Schedule. *(See attachment 1 – 2024 Ambulance Fee Schedule)*

YEAS: Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilman John A. Berthelot, Councilman Tim Riley, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilman Harold Stewart

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion by Councilman John A. Berthelot, seconded by Councilman Tim Riley, to condemn the structure owned by Patrick Weise, Sr., located at 616 E. Weber St., Gonzales, due to its dangerous and dilapidated condition. *(See attachment 2 – Attorney Dwight Poirrier, Appointed Curator for Patrick Weise, Sr., Affidavit with exhibits)*

YEAS: Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilman John A. Berthelot, Councilman Tim Riley, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilman Harold Stewart

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, seconded by Councilman Tim Riley, to adopt Resolution No. 2970:

**A RESOLUTION TO LEVY THE ADJUSTED MILLAGE RATES ON PROPERTY
WITTHIN THE CITY OF GONZALES SUBJECT TO AD VALOREM TAXATION FOR
THE YEAR 2024.**

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux and seconded by Councilman Tim Riley:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Gonzales of the Parish of Ascension, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on May 28, 2024, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the following **adjusted** millage rates be and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said Parish for the year 2024, for the purpose of raising revenue:

MILLAGE

| | |
|----------------------------|------|
| Gonzales – General Fund | 5.17 |
| Gonzales – Fire Department | 3.20 |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of Ascension, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2024 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

YEAS: Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilman John A. Berthelot, Councilman Tim Riley, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilman Harold Stewart

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion by Councilman Tim Riley, seconded by Councilman Harold Stewart, to adopt Resolution No. 2971:

A RESOLUTION TO LEVY AN INCREASE OF THE MILLAGE RATES ON PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF GONZALES SUBJECT TO AD VALOREM TAXATION FOR THE YEAR 2024.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Gonzales of the Parish of Ascension, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on May 28, 2024, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the taxing district voted to increase the millage rate(s), but not in excess of the prior year's maximum rate(s), on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2024, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied. Said millage rate(s) are:

| | <u>Adjusted Rate</u> | <u>2024 Levy</u> |
|----------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Gonzales – General Fund | 5.17 mills | 5.28 mills |
| Gonzales – Fire Department | 3.20 mills | 3.27 mills |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of Ascension, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2024 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

YEAS: Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilman John A. Berthelot, Councilman Tim Riley, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilman Harold Stewart

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Brandon Boylan, Finance Director, stated the City Council Members have been provided with a copy of the revenue and expense compared to budget report in their packets. The City is within budget. No discussion was required or requested by the City Council Members.

There being no further business to come before the City Council and upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Meeting was adjourned.



R. Ryland Percy, III, Mayor

ATTEST:



Brandon Boylan, Finance Director & Acting City Clerk



CITY OF GONZALES

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2024 Ambulance Fee Schedule

| <u>Code</u> | <u>Charge Description</u> | <u>Current Charges</u> | <u>Proposed Charges</u> |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| A0425 | Mileage | \$24.00 | \$27.00 |
| A0429 | BLS Emergency | \$1,200.00 | \$1,400.00 |
| A0427 | ALS 1 Emergency | \$1,500.00 | \$1,600.00 |
| A0433 | ALS 2 Emergency | \$2,100.00 | \$2,300.00 |
| A0380 | BLS Disposable Supplies | N/A | \$50.00 |
| A0398 | ALS Disposable Supplies | N/A | \$75.00 |
| A0394 | ALS Specialized Disposable Supplies | N/A | \$100.00 |
| A0422 | Oxygen and Supplies | N/A | \$200.00 |

Notes:

- These changes are needed to align our charges with the updated Medicaid Fee Schedule (set by LA Dept of Health)
- For City Residents, per city ordinance, the patient insurance company is billed, but the resident does not receive a bill for the patient responsibility portion of the bill.



May 15, 2024

Gonzales Fire Department
Attn: Chief Hopkins
724 W Orice Roth Rd #10
Gonzales, LA 70737

Dear Chief Hopkins,

After reviewing your rates in comparison with neighboring agencies along with the new LDH Fee schedule for ancillary supplies, ITG Strategies makes the following recommendations:

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|-------|----------------------------|-------------|
| A0425 | Mileage | \$ 27.00 |
| A0427 | ALS 1 Emergency | \$ 1,600.00 |
| A0429 | BLS Emergency | \$ 1,400.00 |
| A0433 | ALS 2 Emergency | \$ 2,300.00 |
| A0380 | BLS Disposable | \$ 50.00 |
| A0398 | ALS Disposable | \$ 75.00 |
| A0394 | ALS Specialized Disposable | \$ 100.00 |
| A0422 | Oxygen and Supplies | \$ 200.00 |

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tracy Wold', is written over a thin horizontal line.

Tracy Wold

CITY OF GONZALES

Re: Patrick Weise Sr.
616 E. Weber St.
Gonzales, LA 70737

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF ASCENSION**

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally came and appeared Dwight D. Poirrier (hereinafter "Affiant"), who after being duly sworn did depose and say:

1. Affiant is an Attorney at Law practicing in the City of Gonzales, Louisiana who was appointed curator for Patrick Weise Sr., by the City of Gonzales Council regarding a dangerous and dilapidated building situated at 616 E. Weber St., Gonzales, Louisiana 70737.

2. Affiant in response to the appointment by the City of Gonzales, placed a "Whereabouts" advertisement in the Weekly Citizen on April 23rd, 2024. On or about April 24th, 2024, Affiant received an Affidavit of Publication from the Weekly Citizen verifying that the advertisement ran on May 2, 2024 and May 9, 2024. All of the information in the advertisement was accurate to the best of Affiant's knowledge. A copy of said Proof of Publication is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

3. Affiant also mailed a certified letter on April 25, 2024 to the last known address of Patrick Weise Sr. at 616 E. Weber St., Gonzales, Louisiana 70737. The letter was unclaimed and returned to sender as not deliverable as addressed on May 10, 2024. A copy of said envelope and letter is attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

4. Affiant also mailed a certified letter on April 25, 2024 to the last known address of Judy R. Feder at 18337 Lake Harbor Lane, Prairieville, Louisiana 70769. The letter was claimed and return receipt returned to sender on May 10, 2024.

5. Affiant also performed a Google search in an effort to locate the property owner. The Google search still indicated his address as 616 E. Weber St., Gonzales, Louisiana 70737. Affiant was unable to obtain any additional information. Upon information and belief, the owner of this property Patrick Weise Sr. is deceased. A search of the public records does not indicate any succession being filed or any type of probate proceeding. As part of the initial appointment Affiant was told that Patrick Weise's son Patrick Weise, Jr., was the last known resident of the property and he was also deceased. Affiant did not see any succession or probate information in the public records indicating one had been filed.


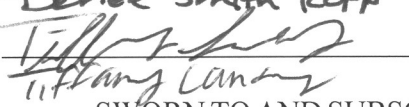
6. Affiant received a letter, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit C from Judy R.

Feder, dated May 7, 2024 as will appear from the letter. Ms. Feder acknowledges receipt of my letter, April 25, 2024 and she indicated she purchased an undivided one (1%) percent interest in the property pursuant to a tax sale. She went further to say she had no interest in clearing or removing the debris.

7. Affiant, on or about May 15th, 2024 inspected the property and took the attached photograph, said photograph being attached hereto as Exhibit D. Affiant did not see any evidence of any occupancy to the property. Affiant also spoke briefly to a neighbor across the street. The neighbor had advised that she an interest in the property if it was ever for sale. She also stated that she had not seen anyone around the property for years.


8. Affiant has received no other calls, inquires or communications in response to the advertisement, letters or search.

WITNESSES:


Denise Smith Kopp

Tiffany Lanning


Dwight D. Poirrier, Affiant

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS _____ day of _____, 2024, City of Gonzales, Ascension Parish, Louisiana.


Notary Public
Bar/Notary No. 65195
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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

Dwight Poirrier
Po Box 868
Gonzales LA 70707

STATE OF WISCONSIN, COUNTY OF BROWN

The Gonzales Weekly Citizen, a weekly newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Gonzales, Ascension Parish, Louisiana; that the publication, a copy of which is attached hereto, was published in the said newspaper in the issues dated:

05/02/2024, 05/09/2024

Sworn to and subscribed before on 05/09/2024

D. Roberts

Legal Clerk

Mariah Verhagen

Notary, State of WI, County of Brown

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My commission expires

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MARIAH VERHAGEN
Notary Public
State of Wisconsin



Estate of Patrick
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Estate of Patrick
Weise, Jr.

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the whereabouts
of Patrick Weise
Sr. and/ or Patrick
Weise, Jr., their heirs
or assigns, please
contact Attorney,
Dwight D. Poirrier at
(225) 621-3200.

May 2, 9 2024
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April 25, 2024

Estate of Patrick J. Weise
616 E. Weber St.
Gonzales, Louisiana 70737

Via Certified & U.S. Mail
Certified Mail No. 9589071052700967712166
Return Receipt Requested

Re: Dilapidated and Dangerous Conditions Located at 616 E. Weber St.,
Gonzales, Louisiana 70737 (La R.S.33:4761)

Dear Gentlemen:

Please be advised this office has been assigned to represent your interest and attempt to locate anyone associated with the ownership of the property referenced above. It is my understanding that the property owner, Patrick Weise, Sr. is deceased. It is also my understanding that the former resident, Patrick Weise, Jr. is also deceased. I am trying to reach any heirs or legatees of the estate in order to notify them that pursuant to La R.S.33:4761, The City of Gonzales seeks to condemn and calls to be demolished and remove any buildings or structures located on the property as an endangerment to the public affairs. The City has conducted an inspection of the property and determined it to be unsafe and unfit for human occupancy. Additionally, there has been problems on the premises which has led to further safety endangerment. Anyone having an interest in this property should contact my office immediately. It is anticipated that on May 13th, 2024, The City will take under consideration the condemnation and the subsequent demolition of the property. Please contact my office immediately.

If the City of Gonzales does proceed forward and remove the structure, the expense of the removal shall be born by the property owners. This shall act as a lien against your property interest and may lead to the forfeiture of your property ownership to satisfy the removal costs. It is the City of Gonzales' desire that you will take the steps necessary to comply with this request and not be forced to take these drastic measures. Again, please contact my office with any information regarding this matter immediately.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated attention in this matter.

With kind personal regards, I remain



Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. Poirrier', written in a cursive style.

Dwight D. Poirrier

DDP/tl

cc: Scot Byrd (scot@gonzalesla.com)
cc: Justin Dupuy (Justin@gonzalesla.com)

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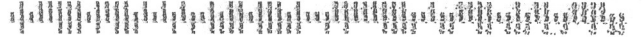
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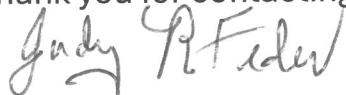
May 7, 2024

Mr. Dwight Poirrier
PO Box 868
1420 S. Burnside Ave.
Gonzales, La. 70769

Dear Mr. Poirrier,

I am writing in response to your letter of 4/25/2024 regarding the property at 616 E. Weber Street in Gonzales. I purchased a tax lien of 1% on this property at the online auction in 2022, #3312700, as an investment tool. I do not have any interest in clearing and removing the debris, and I understand that the property has been condemned. Unfortunately this has not been a good investment for me as the property lien was not redeemed.

Thank you for contacting me in this matter.



Judy R. Feder



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Telecopier: (225) 621-3210

E-Mail Address
dwight@poirrierlaw.com

April 25, 2024

Judy R. Feder
18337 Lake Harbor Ln.
Prairieville, LA 70769

Via Certified & U.S. Mail
Certified Mail No. 9589071052700967711978
Return Receipt Requested

Re: Dilapidated and Dangerous Conditions Located at 616 E. Weber St.,
Gonzales, Louisiana 70737 (La R.S.33:4761)

Dear Judy:

It is my understanding that you have acquired the above described property pursuant to a tax sale. It is also my understanding that the title to the tax deed has not been quieted. As you have been previously notified, the City of Gonzales intends to condemn this property and have the structures demolished and removed at the cost of the landowner. The costs will be set forth as a lien on the property and will act against any ownership interest including yours in the property. If you have an interest in trying to resolve this and have the property cleared and removed yourself, please contact my office immediately. The City anticipates having this matter addressed by the City Council on May 13, 2024.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated attention in this matter.

With kind personal regards, I remain

Very truly yours,



Dwight D. Poirrier

DDP/tl

cc: Scot Byrd (scot@gonzalesla.com)

cc: Justin Dupuy (Justin@gonzalesla.com)

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Judy R. Feder
 18337 Lake Harbor Ln.
 Prairieville, Louisiana 70769



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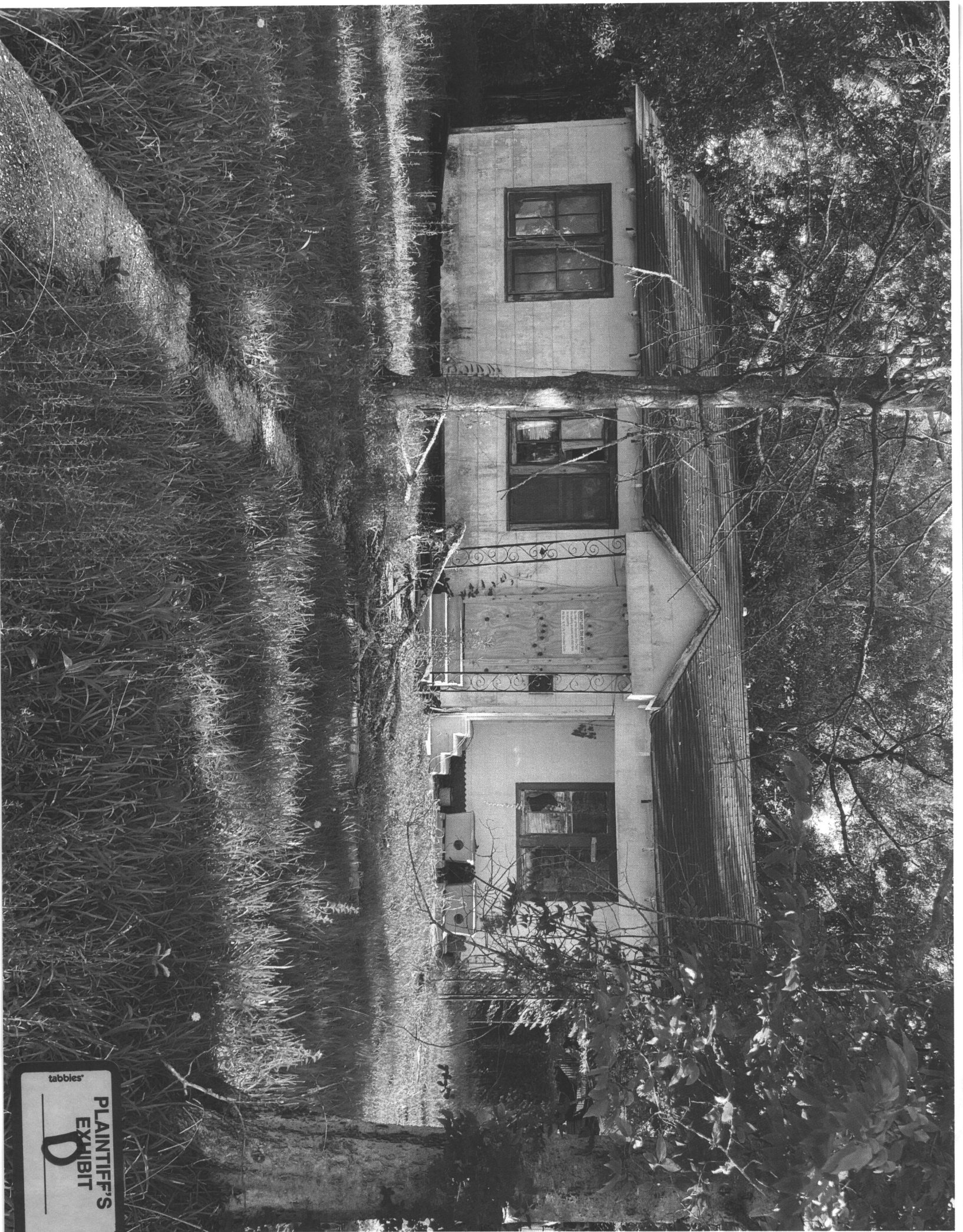
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