

for terrorist attacks

By Alex Lipp

Patriotic music played as the students, faculty, administration and staff at Farris High School paused to remember the 1998 terrorist attack on American soil and pray tributes to those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001.

On the cloudy morning on the 15th anniversary of a terrorist attack that brought the United States to a temporary standstill, the Patriot Day ceremony began with the Farris High School marching band playing the National Anthem.

The school's music group then sang a rendition of "God Bless the USA" as the Air Force ROTC raised the flag to half-staff. The band also played a patriotic piece and Farris ROTC Senior Aerospace Instructor Lt. Col. John O'Donnell read a narrative recounting the day in 2001 when two separate attacks were hijacked by terrorists and crashed into the World Trade Center in New York, at the Pentagon, and in Pennsylvania in



for Knox County

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Knox County is being asked to make some major changes to its zoning regulations and the commissioners are beginning their hearings now about things like rural retreats, cooperative housing and outdoor storage facilities. The site supervisor Planning Commission is proposing the changes and the Knox County Commission has scheduled a public hearing on considering the change in a second and final meeting next Monday.

Recently several commissioners had a special meeting with staff to get more information about the changes. Commissioners Charles Butler, John Schenckman, Evelyn Tate and Michelle Ganninger met with staff Tuesday (Sept. 22) and Thursday.

The growing number of events like festivals, gatherings, weddings and such are

several times, including the County residential, general residential, transition and planned residential districts, are currently illegal.

Green said the meeting the proposed ordinance, a change to the Knox County Code, is to "enable legal operation" on those activities that are not currently addressed in county zoning ordinances. He said the idea has been to study other counties in other counties, particularly family farms, protect neighborhoods, create better urban facilities, require other zoning, etc.

Butler who represents north Knox County which contains several rural areas outside of Hixson and Powell, questioned the ordinance requirements of 10, 20 and 50 acres for events. He also asked about the setback requirements from other properties.

Green replied that the regulations are for commercial