

WKU Public Radio, County Commission Appeal Latest Chapter in Tennessee Mosque Controversy (6.15.12)

The Rutherford County Commission has voted to appeal a judge's ruling that voided the approval of a mosque for failing to provide adequate public notice about the facility's construction. The Commission voted 15-6 in favor of the appeal Thursday evening.

The Daily News Journal reports County Attorney Jim Cope said the cost of the appeal could range between \$15,000 and \$25,000. But he said that while the appeal is pending, the county would still be banned from issuing a certificate of occupancy to the Islamic Center of Murfreesboro, which was ordered by Chancellor Robert Corlew on Wednesday.

Corlew ruled that the county's public notice of the planning commission meeting in the Murfreesboro Post wasn't adequate because the free publication doesn't distribute in the unincorporated area, including where the mosque is being built.