

## **MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 11, 2019 REGULAR MEETING OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

The regular meeting of the Franklin County Redevelopment Commission was called to order on January 14, 2019, at 11:47 A.M. in Room 102 of the Franklin County Government Center by Bill Schirmer. The meeting followed the conclusion of the Franklin County Economic Development Commission's meeting business.

Those present were: Bill Schirmer, John Palmer, Tim George, Jana Selke, Scott McDonough and Sara Duffy

Others present were: Nick Lawrence (Consultant), Grant Reeves (Attorney) and Karla Bauman (Auditor)

Bill Schirmer opened the meeting presenting the December 5, 2018 meeting minutes for approval. Tim George notes there is an error relating to meeting attendance in the minutes, specifically he is listed as both present and absent. The minutes need to reflect his presence and former Redevelopment Commission member Tom Wilson as absent. John Palmer makes a motion to approve the minutes with the adjustment made to reflect correct meeting attendance.

Attorney Grant Reeves states before the meeting moves forward Mr. Palmer's bond needs to be discussed and the oath of office needs to be administered for both Mr. Palmer, who has replaced Tom Wilson, and Sara Duffy, who was reappointed to serve as the school board's representative. Karla Bauman administers the oath for Mr. Palmer and Ms. Duffy, and Mr. Reeves turns the floor back over to Mr. Palmer for his motion on the December 5th meeting minutes.

Jana Selke seconds Mr. Palmer's motion, which carries with 4 votes in favor, none against and Scott McDonough abstaining. A question followed regarding lack of signature block for the school board appointee. It was reported the signature was not necessary as that position was not a voting member.

Mr. Schirmer presented the minutes of the January 14 2019 meeting for approval. Mr. McDonough made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Mr. Palmer and approved unanimously.

Mr. Schirmer presented the Redevelopment Commission financials for review and comment. Discussion followed on the \$10,000 Duke Site Readiness Grant being a fund for the Redevelopment Commission. Consultant Nick Lawrence stated the grant should be the Economic Development Commission's as the check was made to them and they were the applicant. Mr. Reeves and Ms. Bauman stated the County Commissioners would need to formally make this change for the fund to be moved to the Economic Development Commission.

Mr. Schirmer noted the Redevelopment Commission has operating funds of \$19,886 remaining from the Lawrenceburg Grant Fund. He stated The Wheatley Group is billing its hours for services related to the TIF expansion to the TIF fund to allow for flexibility in this account. Mr. Schirmer said he would like to have additional discussions on adding more operational dollars to the Redevelopment Commission with EDIT being a possible source.

Mr. Schirmer stated there were no claims to be considered.

Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Reeves reviewed the remaining steps for the TIF expansion timeline. Both Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Reeves confirmed they would be present for the APC meeting where the executive order would be considered when asked by Ms. Duffy.

A discussion followed on what would be on the agenda for the March 11th meeting. Mr. Schirmer proposed the meeting would include the property owners meeting required for the proposed TIF expansion by local ordinance. Mr. Lawrence and Ms. Bauman also discussed the Redevelopment Commission's new requirement for an annual presentation. Mr. Lawrence stated he would be in a position to give the annual presentation during the March 11th meeting too.

Mr. Schirmer then discussed recent happenings at the Chamber of Commerce meeting, including an upcoming meeting with Senator Braun's office that is to be scheduled. He also informs the Redevelopment Commission of reason for his removal from the Economic Development Commission, and the addition of Mr. Palmer to the Redevelopment Commission in place of Mr. Wilson. Mr. Schirmer stated quorum rules influenced this decision, and it will allow Mr. Palmer and Mr. Schirmer to meet freely to discuss projects. Ms. Selke and Mr. McDonough both commended the decision.

Mr. McDonough asked about using TIF funds to cover operating expenses. Mr. Schirmer and Mr. Reeves explained the rules regarding the use of TIF and what it can be used for, using Mr. Reeves and The Wheatley Group's invoices as examples.

Mr. McDonough gave an update on the tax waiver requested from the County Council by the representatives for the Brook Hill Golf Course as the Town of Brookville considers a potential purchase.

Ms. Duffy followed with additional questions regarding the annual meeting and its requirements. Mr. Lawrence and Ms. Bauman further discuss the plans for the March 11th meeting. Mr. Lawrence also states, by statute, the Redevelopment Commission must make itself available to present to the other overlapping taxing units at a public meeting if requested.

At 12:25 P.M., with no further business to discuss, Mr. Palmer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Selke, and carried with unanimous vote.

Minutes Approved by the Franklin County Redevelopment Commission \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Tim George

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Scott McDonough

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Jana Selke

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