

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 11, 2019 REGULAR MEETING OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The regular meeting of the Franklin County Redevelopment Commission was called to order on March 11, 2019, at 11:44 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 February 11, 2019 meeting minutes for approval. Scott McDonough made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Tim George and approved unanimously.

Mr. Schirmer noted the Redevelopment Commission finances remain unchanged, and presented a professional services invoice from attorney Grant Reeves for \$350.00. Mr. Schirmer also stated he was waiting on paperwork for the bonds. He said the Redevelopment Commission's operating fund has a balance of less than \$20,000. Mr. Schirmer and Mr. Reeves discussed the possibility of an amendment to the EDIT 3-Year Plan to further fund the operating fund. With no further financial business to discuss, Mr. McDonough made a motion to pay Mr. Reeves' professional service invoice in the amount of \$350.00, seconded by Jana Selke and approved unanimously.

Mr. Schirmer followed by asking consultant Nick Lawrence to give an update on the Golden Road Economic Development Area expansion. Mr. Lawrence stated the expansion had received unanimous approval from both the Franklin County APC and Franklin County Commissioners. A property owners' informational meeting is scheduled to be held during the April Redevelopment Commission meeting. Mr. Lawrence stated the Franklin County Council would hear the expansion at its meeting in March, and a public hearing would need to be scheduled for the May Redevelopment Commission meeting.

Mr. Lawrence followed this discussion by introducing the 2018/2019 Franklin County Redevelopment Commission annual presentation (attached separately). A brief discussion on educational and workforce partnerships followed.

Mr. Schirmer opened the floor for additional comment. Sara Duffy stated the Redevelopment Commission should immediately begin working on updating the Economic Development Plan with specific details on projects and how to evaluate projects. Ms. Duffy said the taxpayers would like to know where their dollars are being spent for development, and there should be a formal process on how to evaluate financial support for projects. Mr. Palmer agreed protections were necessary and needed to be in place. He also stated backing from consultants and legal counsel were important. Mr. Reeves stated he had experience with the creation of incentive and development agreements and the creation of clawback provisions, and each needed to be handled carefully.

Mr. George asked if any members of the Redevelopment Commission had heard from the property owners in the expansion area. Mr. Schirmer stated he had not heard from anyone wishing to opt out.

Ms. Selke asked if Mr. Lawrence could announce whether he had heard of any businesses coming or going. Mr. Lawrence stated he could not discuss any projects publicly at this point. Ms. Duffy mentioned the Mercy building auction.

At 12:30 P.M., with no further business to discuss, Mr. Palmer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. McDonough, and carried with unanimous vote.

Minutes Approved by the Franklin County Redevelopment Commission _____, 2019.

William Schirmer

Tim George

Scott McDonough

Jana Selke

John Palmer