

## **MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 1, 2018 REGULAR MEETING OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

The regular meeting of the Franklin County Redevelopment Commission was called to order on August 1, 2018, at 4:05 P.M. in Room 102 of the Franklin County Government Center by Bill Schirmer.

Those present were: Bill Schirmer, Tom Wilson, Tim George and Sarah Duffy

Those absent were: Jana Selke and Gabrielle Weaver

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

Commission President Bill Schirmer opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following, Mr. Schirmer reviewed the current TIF Fund financials with the Redevelopment Commission and solicited comment for a 2019 budget. Auditor Bauman offered insight on the need for an actual TIF budget. Mr. Schirmer stated he had budgeted \$20,000 for legal services and another \$20,000 for professional services. A motion was made by Commission Member Tom Wilson to approve the proposed budget as presented, seconded by Commission Member Tim George and approved unanimously.

At this time Economic Development Commission member John Palmer was called upon for comment. Mr. Palmer had attended a recent meeting of the Franklin County Farm Bureau to discuss TIF. Based on the feedback he received during the meeting, he encouraged the Redevelopment Commission to bring in the municipal financial advisor for a public forum on TIF. Mr. Palmer left the meeting following comment.

Mr. Schirmer presented the Lawrenceburg Grant Fund budget for approval. Mr. Wilson made a motion to accept the budget as presented, seconded by Mr. George and approved unanimously.

Economic Development Consultant Nick Lawrence was asked by Mr. Schirmer to give an update on the Duke Site Readiness Program. Mr. Lawrence announced the program had concluded and Banning Engineering was updating its final recommendations report for the development of the Brackney Industrial site. Mr. Schirmer stated that in addition to the technical guidance, Franklin County also received a \$10,000 check from Duke Energy to help market the site and implement recommendations. Discussion followed on who would receive the funds to be expended. Mr. Schirmer stated he thought the funds should be under the Redevelopment Commission. Mr. Lawrence stated the applicant for the funds was the Franklin County Economic Development Commission, and he believed oversight should come from the Economic Development Commission.

Mr. Lawrence then presented an engagement letter from law firm Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP for services related to the proposed Golden Road TIF District expansion. The engagement letter was previously requested by attorney Grant Reeves at the direction of the Redevelopment Commission. The letter outlined services provided and established a not to exceed budget of \$5,000. Discussion followed on the statutory steps required to expand a TIF district and the particular parcels identified for the Franklin County expansion. A motion was made by Mr. Wilson to execute the engagement letter, seconded by Mr. George and approved unanimously.

Discussion followed on the Town of Brookville's TIF parcel issues and further assisting the Auditor's office with any necessary parcel investigation.

With no further business to discuss, at 5:25 P.M. Mr. George made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Wilson and approved unanimously.

Minutes Approved by the Franklin County Redevelopment Commission \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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