

**WHITLEY COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
APRIL 19, 2010**

The Whitley County Redevelopment Commission met Monday, April 19, 2010 in the Commissioner's Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. In attendance were Chairman William Overdeer, Vice Chairman James Argerbright, Secretary Michael D. Schrader, Tom Rethlake, Frank Kessler and non-voting advisor Brooks Langeloh. Also in attendance was Todd Samuelson of Umbaugh, Charles Acheson, Sandy Trimmer, Alan Tio and Post and Mail reporter Chris Meyers. The minutes were recorded by Auditor Linda Gerig.

IN THE MATTER OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AND VENDOR CLAIMS: The minutes of April 6, 2010 were approved as presented. An invoice from SES Environmental in the amount of \$1700 was presented for payment. Schrader moved, seconded by Argerbright, to pay the claim to SES Environmental in the amount of \$1700. The motion carried 5/0.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING: As advertised per state statute and the Open Door Law, a public hearing was called to order by Chairman Overdeer to discuss the adoption and content of resolutions pertaining to amending the Economic Development Plan Area No. 1. On March 15, 2010, the Commission adopted an amending declaratory resolution for the purpose of amending the Plan to add the purchase of certain real property located in the Area, construct sewer and water lines along County Road 600 East and construct access roads to the Plan. Todd Samuelson, of Umbaugh, gave a brief explanation of the documents to be presented and background information on proceedings to date. Resolution No. RDC 2010-07, a Resolution Confirming the Resolution of the Whitley County Redevelopment Commission Adopted On March 15, 2010, Entitled "Amending Declaratory Resolution of the Whitley County Redevelopment Commission," was introduced. Rethlake moved, seconded by Schrader, to approve Resolution No. RDC 2010-07. Chairman Overdeer called for discussion at which time public comments were received from the audience. Concerns voiced were fears of eminent domain being used by the county to acquire real property. Vice Chairman Argerbright explained that the Commission must follow the same process for purchasing real property as any other government unit would follow. It was questioned if current TIF revenues were being used for the expansion. Samuelson explained that expanding the plan of the Commission is controlled by state statutes. Concerns were voiced about surrounding areas suffering if TIF revenues were exhausted by the expansion. It was explained that a study has been done to find problems and to insure that a revenue stream for future years is in place. It was explained that a company is interested in purchasing acreage in the new Area and the remaining Area will be "shovel ready" for future business. Alan Tio, President of the Whitley County Economic Development Corporation is working with the rail road to insure that no county roads are blocked while loading or unloading rail cars. There being no more discussion or public comment, Chairman Overdeer called for the vote on Resolution No. RDC 2010-07, which passed with all members voting in favor.

Resolution No. RDC 2010-08 was introduced and explained by Todd Samuelson. Samuelson explained TIF that the base assessed values stay until at such time they are re-established. Any growth in assessed values is considered the “captured” assessed value and revenue generated is allocated to the TIF District. Argerbright moved, seconded by Rethlake, to approve Resolution No. RDC 2010-08. The motion carried 5/0. Resolution No. RDC 2010-09 Whitley County Redevelopment Commission Additional Appropriation Resolution was introduced. An appropriation in the amount not to exceed two-million-eight-hundred-thousand-dollars was advertised as prescribed by state statute prior to the meeting. The appropriation is made to be applied to the Costs of the Project and is in addition to all other appropriations provided for in the existing budget and tax levy of the District for the current year. Schrader moved, seconded by Kessler, to approve RDC 2010-08 and passed with a 5/0 vote. A copy of the Resolution will be forwarded to the Department of Local Government Finance.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned.

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William Overdeer, Chairman

Michael D. Schrader, Secretary