## WHITLEY COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT June 2, 2015

The Whitley County Redevelopment Commission met Tuesday, June 2, 2015 in the Commissioner's Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Redevelopment members in attendance were Chairman James Argerbright, Secretary Michael Schrader, Bill Overdeer, Frank Kessler, George Schrumpf, and Jill Western. The EDC member present was the EDC President Jon Myers and Redevelopment Attorney Andy Boxberger. Guests included: Highway Supervisor Michael Barton and Alan Tio from Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership. The minutes were recorded by Auditor Jana Schinbeckler.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman JArgerbright at 7:00 am.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES & CLAIMS: The minutes for the April 7, 2015 meeting were presented for review. *BOverdeer motioned the March 5, 2015 minutes be approved with one correction; MSchrader seconded the motion; motion passed with all in favor.* The claims from April 29, May 8, and May 13 were reviewed in addition to claims that have not yet been paid. The claim for April 29<sup>th</sup> was in the amount of \$2,983.00 for Carson Boxberger Attorneys. The claims for May 18<sup>th</sup> were for the Whitley County Treasurer for drainage assessments in the amount of \$85.17 and to Whitley RC Investments for \$3,822.50. The claim for May 13<sup>th</sup> was for Northeastern REMC in the amount of \$1,046.03. The claims that have not yet been paid were 30 Spec Realty, LLC for \$549.37, Whitley RC Investments, LLC for \$3,822.50, Carson Boxberger Attorneys for \$531.00 and \$741.00, and Northeastern REMC for \$1,046.03. *GSchrumpf made a motion to approve all the claims; FKessler seconded the motion; motion passed with all in favor.* 

COUNTY ROAD 600 E PROJECT: Derek from Engineering Resources and George Schrumpf have spoken to all the surrounding businesses except for Coupled Products in regard to the project. GSchrumpf stated that they will be ready to send out bids soon. They are working with INDOT to prevent from having a bypass and they would like to put "J" turns in around US 30. We should know within six months of their proposal for this project.

**EDC UPDATES:** The Redevelopment Commission asked EDC President Jon Myers if there has been any update on obtaining the additional fifty acres at Rail Connect. Jon stated that he has not but he will look into it further so we can make it 100 acres to attract more businesses. Jon has also spoken to Joe D'Italia and Joe is going to give Jon access to the Spec building at Rail Connect so he is able to show potential buyers the building.

IN OTHER BUSINESS: Highway Supervisor Michael Barton reported that there is still a problem out at Rail Connect Park and requested that the Commission take an official position on the matter. Businesses have still continuously parked their trailers back at the end of the road where there is gravel. He suggested putting "No Parking" signs out by the cul-de-sac so that the trailers would no longer park there. GSchrumpf stated that the Sheriff's department was to look into this problem and FKessler suggested that we do need appropriate signs so that the trailers no longer park there. Attorney Boxberger informed the Commission that he heard from the school board a few weeks back and they want to move forward with drafting a proposed resolution for the school project. He spoke with the school's attorney and they want to start in November of this year so they are hoping for a commitment from the Commission by the middle of June. They are proposing \$2.5 million per year for 2018, 2019, and 2020 for the commitment. GSchrumpf stated that they do have the Commission's commitment as long as nothing changes.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 AM.

Whitley County Redevelopment Commission

James Argerbright, Chairman

Michael D. Schrader, Secretary

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Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor