

MINUTES
WHITLEY COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Tuesday, March 14, 2017

WHITLEY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING ROOM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jim Argerbright
George Schrupf
Michael Schrader
Bill Overdeer
Frank Kessler

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jill Western

LEGAL COUNSEL

Andy Boxberger

STAFF

Jon Myers
Nathan Bilger
Jennifer Stephenson
Jana Schinbeckler

GUESTS

Brandon Forrester – Whitley County Highway Engineer
Lori Heuer – Whitley County Consolidated Schools
John Lefever – Whitley County Community Foundation

CALL TO ORDER: President Jim Argerbright called the meeting to order at 8:00am.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES: The minutes for the February 14, 2017 meeting were presented for review. Mr. Overdeer motioned the February 14, 2017 minutes be approved as presented; Mr. Schrader seconded the motion; Motion passed with Mr. Kessler abstaining.

INVESTMENT OF FUNDS: John Lefever, representing the Whitley County Community Foundation, informed the commission of a new opportunity in regards to investing funds. Mr. Lefever explained that with current legislation that has been passed at the state level there are more options for counties and municipalities. Discussion followed with Mr. Lefever detailing a couple of those options available through the Community Foundation.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM: Lori Heuer, representing Whitley County Consolidated Schools provided information to the commission regarding Whitley Works, a program that Whitley County Consolidated Schools, Smith-Green Community Schools and Whitko Community Schools are partnering together to offer students. This program offers college/career counseling through the Lilly Endowment. The Planning Grant was received in February and the Implementation Grant will be due in May. They will hold planning sessions and will be asking for letters of support from the community to attach to the grant application.

POTENTIAL PROJECTS FOR 2017: Mr. Bilger presented a list of potential projects for 2017. Discussion followed with Mr. Boxberger reviewing what exactly the series B (tax exempt) bonds could be used for. A non-taxable project is defined as the construction of road and utility

improvements. Acquisition of property likely would not qualify. The Commission made no decisions on pursuing any projects at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS: Mr. Overdeer extended congratulations to the Redevelopment Commission on paying off the Series A SDI bond.

Mr. Myers informed the commission that Autoliv began moving into their new building on February 28, 2017. He will also be meeting with Joe D'Italia in the next week to discuss final information regarding the Rail Connect building. Mr. D'Italia may then give a presentation to the commission within the next couple months.

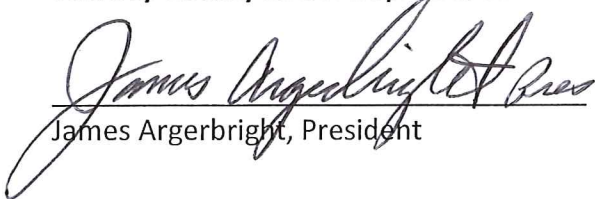
Carl Behrens, who is the broker for the Park 30 spec building, is requesting the Redevelopment Commission continue to pay for their expenses beyond the expiration date. Mr. Boxberger has legal concern regarding this issue.

lotron has some questions about their bonds and had placed a call to Umbaugh for answers. Mr. Myers will call lotron to get more information on what exactly they're wanting and possibly staff can be used to answer the questions.

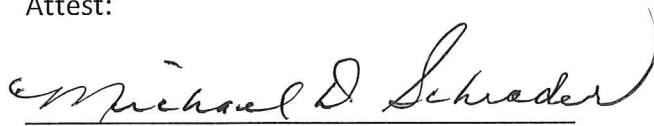
IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS: The claims for check run dated February 24, 2017 were reviewed and consisted of Carson Boxberger Attorneys for \$1,282.50, Whitley RC Investments for \$2,646.93 and \$10,024.14. Mr. Overdeer motioned to approve the claims, seconded by Mr. Schrupf with discussion of requesting copies of bills in the future to review along with the claim; Motion passed with all in favor.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15am.

Whitley County Redevelopment Commission


James Argerbright, President

Attest:


Michael Schrader, Secretary