Pulaski County Economic Development — Executive Board

(Pulaski County Community Development Commission)
Conference Room, Winamac Municipal Utilities Building
Winamac, Indiana
2 April 2013

Meeting Minutes

Executive Board members present: President Bill Champion, Vice-President David Broad, Secretary David Zeltwanger. Executive Director Nathan P. Origer (ex-officio).

Executive Board members absent: First Past President Rod Button, Membership Officer Jamie Bales (scheduling conflict).

Call to Order

President Champion called the meeting to order 7:00 p.m.

Director Origer presented an initial 2014-budget proposal for Executive-Board review. Compensation, benefits, and taxes were left at 2013 levels, with the director noting that the final request submitted to the County Council would reflect any changes requested by the Council.

The proposed funding for and purpose of each appropriation were discussed at length. Making use of the annual office-intern set-aside was encouraged, as was the exploration of hiring a part-time assistant/secretary, which President Champion had previously urged. An appropriation for part-time wages for such a position was added to the budget proposal, as was a concomitant increase to the Social-Security line item, and discussion of hiring someone for the remainder of 2013 ensued.

Regarding the Professional Services line item, potential fees related to the development of the PC-CARE were considered, with consensus that professional-services costs (grant administration, legal fees, permitting, et c.) should be budgeted for 2014. The director's request to increase the annual Travel appropriation to pay for a week of lodging in case he should attend the annual Ball State Indiana Economic Development Course in January was approved; though he expressed the intention of seeking a scholarship for the class itself, President Champion suggested that those costs be added to the Schools, Meetings, and Seminars line item as a back-up.

After lengthy discussion regarding billboard—and public-television—marketing strategies, the Board decided to leave the Marketing appropriation to be determined at the next full-PCED meeting in tandem with further marketing-strategies discussion.

The historically unused Land appropriation was added to the 2014 request; with the option left open for the full PCED to vote to include enough funds in the request for acquisition, as well as infrastructure improvements in that appropriation, the Board decided to recommend a request of \$50,000, to allow for the possibility of acquiring an option on land for PC-CARE in 2014.

Motion to present 2014-budget proposal, as amended, to full PCED in May: Secretary Zeltwanger; second: Vice-President Broad; no discussion; approval: all.

Secretary Zeltwanger reiterated that Director Origer should request approval at the May meeting to approach the County Council about an additional appropriation or a transfer of funds to hire a part-time employee.

Adjournment

Motion: Vice-President Broad; second: Secretary Zeltwanger; no discussion; approval: all. $7:55\ p.m.$

Respectfully submitted, David Zeltwanger, Secretary