

***Pulaski County
Community Development Commission***

Tuesday, 17 November 2020

Winamac Municipal Utilities Complex
Winamac, Indiana

Meeting Memorandum/ Minutes

Tuesday, 21 October 2020

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Commission Executive Session (Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(4))

Members present: President Doug Roth, *Vice-President Sheila Jimenez (Winamac), Secretary/Membership Officer Kelsie Zellers, board member Brandon DeLorenzo, board member Christy Coon; County Councilor Jay Sullivan, Aaron Paulsen (Chamber), Lynn Johns (Francesville); Blake Kasten. Executive Director Nathan P. Origer. Doug Denton (Monterey) arrived at 6:07 p.m.*

Members absent: County Commissioner Ken Becker, Suzanna Wilcoxon (Medaryville); Tony Holliday [personal], Brian Ledley [personal], Breann Wilson [personal].

Guests present: Alisha Becker (part of meeting only)

(Roman text indicates in-person attendance; *italics indicate telephone attendance.*)

Call to Order

President Roth called the meeting to order at 6:00 *p.m.*

Business Assistance Requests

Small-business COVID-19 grants, round two: The Commission reviewed the 21 applications that had been submitted to the director, discussed and applied criteria for reviewing them, and reached a consensus that would be reviewed and adopted during the public meeting.

*Becker/B*You*Tique RLF request:* Director Origer introduced Mrs. Becker and her application to the Revolving Loan Fund and then asked her to speak in detail about the project. Members asked questions of her and then further discussed the request after her exit.

No other business was discussed during this meeting.

Adjournment

Motion: Mr. Paulsen; second: Vice-President Jimenez; no discussion; approval: all
7:20 *p.m.*

Regular Meeting

Members and guests present/absent: same as above.

Call to Order

President Roth called the meeting to order at 7:20 *p.m.*

New Business

Small-business COVID-19 grants, round two: Pursuant to executive-session discussion, \$6,000 grants were awarded to Cruizers, Headlines, INKsignia, the Isis Theatre, NV Salon & Tanning, Studio 218, Sublime, VFW Post 1728, and Winamac Pizza King; \$3,950 grants were awarded to Dance Development Academy, Jones Robotic Dairy, Jennifer Gudas, O.D., P.C., NAPA Winamac, and Webb Printing; and seven applicants received no funding. These decisions were based on published criteria emphasizing food-service and personal-care businesses that faced government-mandated shutdowns and limitations; a discussion of other economic factors; other criteria that the members felt should be considered; and how applicants' operations and employment levels have fared in 2020 as reflected in their applications.

Motion: Mr. Denton; second: Mr. Paulsen; no discussion; approval: all, save Councilor Sullivan and Mrs. Coon, who abstained.

*Becker/B*You*Tique RLF request:* Mrs. Becker had requested a loan in the amount of \$144,000 for the purchase of 115-121 East Pearl Street, Winamac, where she intended to open a brick-and-mortar operations for her online consignment store and to be a landlord to existing tenants. Discussion ensued, with Vice-President Jimenez and Mr. Kasten requesting that an inspection of the property and an appraisal be conducted and that evidence of continuing leases with the current tenants before approval would be granted.

Motion: Vice-President Jimenez; second: Mr. Johns; no discussion; approval: all.

Marketing Partnerships International contract: The director presented an agreement from this marketing-consulting firm from Chicago, proposing that they be contracted to negotiate agreements with Chicagoland television stations for 2021 to reduce the director's workload while presumably increasing the County's return on investment. Director Origer asked for approval to experiment with this option for 2021 pending consent from the Board of Commissioners. It was granted.

Motion: Mr. Denton; second: Vice-President Jimenez; no discussion; approval: all.

Executive Director review: The November meeting would take place at 6:30 *p.m.* so that the Executive Board could meeting in executive session to conduct the director's annual performance evaluation at 6:00; the director would disseminate the evaluation forms to the officers.

Other Pertinent Business

None.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

Motion: Vice-President Jimenez; second: Mrs. Coon; no discussion; approval: all
7:31 *p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Nathan P. Origer, Executive Director/Recording Secretary
Kelsie Zellers, Secretary