

***Pulaski County
Community Development Commission***

Tuesday, 3 August 2021

Monterey Town Hall

Monterey, Indiana

Meeting Memorandum/Notes (no quorum)

Tuesday, 1 June 2021

Winamac Municipal Utilities Complex

Winamac, Indiana

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

Members present: County Commissioner Maurice Loehmer, County Councilor Kathleen Thompson; Bill Champion, Blake Kasten. Executive Director Nathan P. Origer.

Members absent: President Sheila Jimenez (Winamac) [excused], Vice-President Christy Coon [excused], Secretary Doug Denton (Monterey), Membership Officer Kelsie Zellers [personal], board member Brandon DeLorenzo; Aaron Paulsen (Chamber) [excused], Lynn Johns (Francesville), Arthur Conley (Medaryville), Brian Ledley, Breann Wilson [excused].

Call to Order

Director Origer called the meeting to order at 6:03 *p.m.*, noting that a majority of the membership was absent.

Review of COVID-19 small-business-relief grant applications

The members present reviewed and discussed the submitted applications and reached a consensus that would be discussed at the subsequent public Commission meeting. No other business was discussed during this meeting.

Adjournment

By consensus. 6:11 *p.m.*

Regular Meeting

Members present: *President Sheila Jimenez (Winamac)*, Vice-President Christy Coon; County Commissioner Maurice Loehmer, County Councilor Kathleen Thompson, Aaron Paulsen (Chamber); Bill Champion, Blake Kasten. Executive Director Nathan P. Origer.

Members absent: Secretary Doug Denton (Monterey), Membership Officer Kelsie Zellers [personal], board member Brandon DeLorenzo; Lynn Johns (Francesville), Arthur Conley (Medaryville), Brian Ledley, Breann Wilson [excused].

Guests present: Megan Galbreath (Pulaski County *Journal*).

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

Call to Order

President Jimenez called the meeting to order at 6:49 *p.m.* The director noted the lack of quorum.

Consent Agenda

Without a quorum present, the Consent Agenda was neither adopted nor had any requests for extraction made.

Old Business

Strategic visioning: The director provided a brief update on the Strategic Visioning Committee's progress at its May and June meetings. The Committee expected to present the first draft of the strategic-plan update to the full Commission at its August meeting.

Revolving Loan Fund matters — general updates: All borrowers had been in good standing save I.B.C. Thermoplastics; the director would continue to work with Mr. Voranoff.

Revolving Loan Fund matters — program review: The director reported that the program-review process would remain on hold until the County's attorney had submitted comment.

Membership terms: The director reported that he had still been working to find a replacement for Doug Roth from the non-exempt manufacturing sector.

OCRA CDBG COVID-19 relief grants, round 3: The members present at the executive session agreed to provide full funding to all applicants, encouraging the executive director to work with the Town of Winamac to share costs appropriately for businesses that had applied to both programs so as to free up additional funds to make available to a few local restaurants that had not met the application deadline. In the absence of a quorum, those present agreed to this plan.

Solar-energy development: The director reported that NextEra would be holding an open house in June or July for its Moss Creek Solar project, and that the public hearing for the Moss Creek special-exception request would likely be held by the Board of Zoning Appeals in September. There was no news to report regarding the litigation of the Mammoth Solar project.

New Business

2022 budget: The director presented his proposal for next year's budget, highlighting increases for reinstating a staff position, expanding marketing opportunities, and other line items for implementing the updated strategic plan, noting that the full proposal represented a 107.91-increase from the 2021 budget (notwithstanding costs associated with the County's public-works projects), but cautioning that that could decrease slightly pending County Council advice regarding the percentage increase to request for pay. Members present approved of the proposed budget.

Other Pertinent Business

None.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

Motion: Councilor Thompson; second: Mr. Paulsen; no discussion; approval: all 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nathan P. Origer, Executive Director/Recording Secretary
Kathleen Thompson, Secretary *pro tempore*