



Economic Development Committee

215 S. East Street

Carlinville, IL 62626

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Regular Meeting

~ Minutes ~

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

6:00 PM

County Board Room

I. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Armour, Starr, Lewis, Long, Pomatto, Reiher, Rull, Duncan, Beth Bellm

ABSENT:

II. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Public Hearing on Enterprise Zone Expansion for property in City of Carlinville
Mary Beth Bellm explained this committee meeting was also serving as the public hearing for the enterprise zone expansion. She asked if any members of the public were here with questions on the project, none were present.

Bellm explained that the zone has a goal of bringing new business in the county through economic growth. The zone was started 17 years ago and has brought different business into the area. Any new business in the zone get a sales tax deduction for products purchased for new construction projects as well as a property tax abatement for any new construction completed after the area is entered into the zone. Barron and Suzanne Stayton who own the property between McDonalds and PJs Tires in Carlinville, which is currently an empty lot. The Staytons have purchased that property and are looking to build a medical building on that site with private physical therapy back to Carlinville. The job would have the potential to add 5 new jobs to the City of Carlinville. They will be building the office building which will include office space, waiting room, a gym and doctor's offices. This qualifies for the zone since the current property is empty so it will be considered an abated property.

Zones are allowed to encompass 12 square miles. Our zone currently is at about 4 miles and this area will only add .4 miles to the zone if approved. For this expansion to be approved, it will require the County, the City of Carlinville, and the City of Gillespie to all sign off as they were the three founding governing bodies of the zone. If approved, the Staytons have all the financing and plans lined up so they are shovel ready, just waiting for the approval.

Motion by Starr, seconded by Pomatto to recommend to the full Board the ordinance expanding the enterprise zone for property in the city of Carlinville.
Voice vote:

RESULT: MOTION TO RECOMMEND [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Harry Starr, Vice Chair
SECONDER: Ruth Ann Pomatto, Member
AYES: Armour, Starr, Lewis, Long, Pomatto, Reiher, Rull

2. Discussion of the Details of the Tiling of the County Farmland
Amour discussed that the county farmgrounds out by the fairgrounds is still in need of some tiling work. The way the land lays in such a way that makes it difficult to lay out a bid with specs easily. Armour has an idea on how he thinks the work needs to be done but since the project is under the requirement for a full procurement procedure he was asking the committee's permission to reach out to different folks who would be able to do the work and see what they come up with. When a bid was completed last year, it was under \$10,000 in costs.

Motion by Reiher, seconded by Lewis to approve the Committee chairman seeking bids to complete the tiling work on the County farm grounds.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Veryl Reiher, Member
SECONDER: Shielda Lewis, Member
AYES: Armour, Starr, Lewis, Long, Pomatto, Reiher, Rull