



Economic Development Committee

215 S. East Street

Carlinville, IL 62626

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Regular Meeting

~ Minutes ~

Wednesday, October 2, 2019

6:00 PM

County Board Room

I. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Armour, Starr, Lewis, Reiher, Rull, Schmidt, Vojas, Dragovich, Duncan, Beth Bellm

ABSENT:

II. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Resolution Approving Participation of Macoupin County with Regional Counties to Obtain Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

Armour discussed that he and Starr had gone to a meeting in Jersey County a month and a half ago about getting a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. Jersey is trying to get a group of counties together to apply for having this strategy document drawn up. Jersey, Greene and Calhoun are in and Christian and Montgomery are in assuming that Macoupin gets in as it requires a contiguous area. The U of I Extension office will have a graduate student do the work. The cost of the project will be \$80,000. There is a grants that will hopefully cover 50 to 80% of those costs. The remaining costs of either 20% to 50% will be split equally between the six counties in the group. This would help allow for us to get federal funding for economic development projects, such as the new business park right on the Macoupin-Montgomery county line. The costs would be paid out of the County Administration line item in the General Fund

Motion by Reiher, seconded by Rull to recommend the resolution.

RESULT:	MOTION TO RECOMMEND [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Veryl Reiher, Member
SECONDER:	Gary Rull, Member
AYES:	Armour, Starr, Lewis, Reiher, Rull, Schmidt, Vojas

2. Expansion of Enterprise Zone for Public Housing Authority

Mary Beth Bellm spoke about a proposed enterprise zone application from the Housing Authority. They have property right in the middle of the City of Gillespie that they are building apartments on for senior, low income housing. Before construction, they are hoping to enter into the enterprise zone for the sales tax exemption on construction costs. Tonight would be approving the application and the ordinance amending the zone. Since this is a government entity, the state has never had that issue come up, so they suggested turning in the application and seeing if it gets approved.

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Lewis to recommend the ordinance.

<p>RESULT: MOTION TO RECOMMEND [UNANIMOUS] MOVER: Larry Schmidt, Member SECONDER: Shielda Lewis, Member AYES: Armour, Starr, Lewis, Reiher, Rull, Schmidt, Vojas</p>
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