



Economic Development Committee

215 S. East Street

Carlinville, IL 62626

<http://www.macoupincountyil.gov/>

Regular Meeting

~ Minutes ~

Thursday, May 7, 2020

6:00 PM

County Board Room

I. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Armour (Remote), Starr (Remote), Lewis (Remote), Rull, Schmidt (Remote), Vojas (Remote), Dragovich, Duncan (Remote), Whitley (Remote), Goodman-Thomas (Remote)

ABSENT: Reiher

II. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Resolution in Support of Heinz Furniture Getting a Downstate Small Business Stabilization Grant

Clerk Duncan said Heinz Furniture had applied for a downstate small business stabilization grant. Part of the requirement of that application was having a public hearing. The public hearing required certain topics be covered. Greg Whitley from Heinz Furniture was present to discuss his application.

The funding available was

Whitley said he was requesting \$25,000 in grant funding for working capital purposes. As this grant was funded through HUD funds, a requirement of the public hearing was to meet one of three criteria for community and housing needs. This application would meet the third criteria of meeting an urgent community need. Whitley said this grant would be used for working capital purposes in two main ways. It would help keep his employees employed, he currently has 3 full time and 4 part time employees; and he had currently has an expansion happening including a new kitchen center, an addition to the store and had recently purchased an additional off site storage building. This funding would help keep those projects going. This a long time business in the county that has served numerous individuals throughout the county.

Motion by Starr, seconded by Lewis to recommend the resolution and approving the application.

RESULT: MOTION TO RECOMMEND [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Harry Starr, Vice Chair
SECONDER: Shielda Lewis, Member
AYES: Armour, Starr, Lewis, Rull, Schmidt, Vojas
ABSENT: Reiher

2. Resolution in Support of Carlinville Eye Care Getting a Downstate Small Business Stabilization Grant

Clerk Duncan said Carlinville Eye Care had applied for a downstate small business stabilization grant. Part of the requirement of that application was having a public hearing. The public hearing required certain topics be covered. Katie Goodman-Thomas from Carlinville Eye Care was present to discuss her application.

The funding available was

Thomas said she was requesting \$18,000 in grant funding for working capital purposes. As this grant was funded through HUD funds, a requirement of the public hearing was to meet one of three criteria for community and housing needs. This application would meet the third criteria of meeting an urgent community need. Thomas said this grant would be used for working capital purposes in two main ways. It would help keep her employees employed, she currently has 7 full time; and she had recently purchased a new building to move her office to which would allow for a vision therapy center to be added to what her office provides to the community. This a long time business in the county that has served numerous individuals throughout the county.

Motion by Starr, seconded by Rull to recommend the resolution and approving the application.

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

III. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Amendment to JAATT (Dingers in Gillespie) Revolving Loan Fund Agreement
Clerk Duncan explained that as had been discussed at the last County Board meeting, the owners of Dingers in Gillespie who had received a revolving loan last year had requested to defer some payments as his business is currently shut down to COVID-19. If the Board wished to do that, they need to direct the State's Attorney to amend the revolving loan agreement. Armour suggested deferring without interest all payments until the September 1st due date.

Motion by Rull, seconded by Schmidt to recommend to the full Board that they direct the State's Attorney to negotiate an amendment to allow for all payments until the September 1 to be deferred without interest.

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

MACOUPIN COUNTY BOARD
RESOLUTION No. 2020.XX

**A Resolution in Support of Heinz Furniture Getting a Downstate Small
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WHEREAS, it is necessary that an application be made, and agreements entered with the State of Illinois.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1) that the County of Macoupin apply for a grant under the terms and conditions of the State of Illinois and shall enter in to and agree to the understandings and assurances contained in said application.

2) that the County Board Chairman and County Clerk on behalf of the County execute such documents and all other documents necessary for the carrying out of said application.

3) that the County Board Chairman and County Clerk are authorized to provide such additional information as may be required to accomplish the obtaining of such grant.

SIGNED this 12th day of May, 2020.

Voting Yes: _____

Voting No: _____

Mark Dragovich
Chairman of the Board
Macoupin County, Illinois

Pete Duncan
Clerk
Macoupin County, Illinois

Attachment: heinz (2113 : Resolution in Support of Heinz Furniture Getting a Downstate Small Business Stabilization Grant)

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Macoupin County, Illinois

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Clerk
Macoupin County, Illinois

Attachment: carlinvilleeye (2114 : Resolution in Support of Carlinville Eye Care Getting a Downstate Small Business Stabilization Grant)