

REGULAR SESSION

SCOTT COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

June 26, 2023

The Scott County Redevelopment Commission (RDC) met in The Commissioner's Room, Suite 128, Scott County Courthouse. Redevelopment Commission Board members present were: Greg Prince, Brad Stotts, Jonathon White, John Collins and William Graham. Others Present: Auditor Jennifer Rode Hamelman.

President Prince called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance and opened the meeting for public comments.

There were no public comments.

VIENNA TWP FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jeff Case and Kenny Williams asked for help to pay bills that have been incurred in the Vienna TWP Fire Department. They had to purchase a pump truck when theirs went down, leaving them with no pump truck. Sellersburg Fire Department offered to sell them a pump truck for \$50,000.00 that has a book value of \$90,000.00. This is a newer truck and will replace the 91 model that recently lost a transmission, the old Engine 29. They cannot justify the cost to repair this truck. It can be stripped and sold as a work truck but will not work for a Firetruck. There is also the Chief Truck that is still financed and needs help to pay that off as well. There was a period of non-maintenance that caused extra repairs for the department that they are trying to catch up from.

Graham praised the two men at the table for their work to bring the department back to a good condition and commend them on the work they have done. They have 35 square miles in their district, which includes some of the City of Scottsburg and is very beneficial to the community. He is for paying off the truck to help the department prepare for the future but cautioned that RDC needed to be extremely cautious in how we fund fire departments in the future.

It was the consensus that the trucks should be paid off rather than RDC assuming their loans. The new Engine 29 is financed through New Washington State Bank and the Chief Truck is financed through WesBanco for a total bill of \$61,000.00. Stotts asked that we have proof of the loans before payments are made.

MOTION: Collins moved to allow RDC to pay off both loans for the Vienna TWP Fire Department in the amount of \$61,000.00. Graham provided the second. Motion carried unanimously.

Prince stated that there is potential grant funding available for equipment and that Chief Richey of the Scottsburg Fire Department should be able to give them some information about that.

SUSNICK FARM PURCHASE

Prince explained that Jason Semler with Baker Tilly had encouraged RDC to use the current TIF to generate new TIFs to create growth. Residential TIFs are relatively new and may qualify for future funding when initiated. Prince wants to purchase the Logan Susnick property on SR 256 east of Austin to create a Residential TIF developing patio homes and duplexes. It is a beautiful and serene property that will be well suited for this purpose. There is a six-acre area at the back of the property that is in a flood plain and will not be suitable for development but will add to the serenity of the property for homes.

Prince asked for \$1,500.00 to hold the property until it can be appraised and sign a purchase agreement pending an appraisal believing the base line value is \$600,000.00. He also wants RDC approval to amend the TIF plan for approval to work with Karen Arland to see what the next steps will be.

MOTION: Graham moved to approve the amendment of the TIF plan to allow purchase of residential property and to allow Prince to work with Karen Arland to determine the next steps in creating a Residential TIF. White provided the second. Motion carried unanimously.

Graham stated that the County needs a healthy commercial and industrial tax base to remain healthy and provide for a healthy residential tax base.

MOTION: Collins moved to move forward with the purchase of the Logan Susnick property by offering \$1,500.00 in earnest money and having two appraisals completed on the property, preferably by local appraisers before the end of July. Graham provided the second. Motion carried unanimously.

JOHN JONES AUTO GROUP

White motioned to table the John Jones Auto group, due to no one representing them at the meeting to discuss the electric car charging stations.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Consideration of minutes were tabled due to not being available.

NEXT MEETING

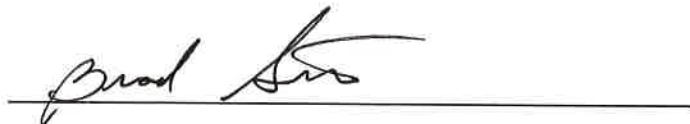
The next meeting will be July 24, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room, Suite 128, Scott County Courthouse. Graham requested that he attend by phone if he were not able to attend the meeting in person.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

With no other business, White moved to adjourn the June 26, 2023, regular meeting. Collins provided the second. Motion carried unanimously.



Greg Prince, President



Brad Stotts, Vice President



Jonathon White, Secretary



William Graham



John Collins

Attest: 
Jennifer Rode Hamelman