

CASS COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING
March 19, 2014

The Cass County Redevelopment Commission met at 8:30 A.M. in the Commissioners Hearing Room.

Redevelopment Commission Members Present: Dave Arnold, Grover Bishop, Ken Personett, Brian Reed, Duane Sailors and Attorney John Hillis.

Attendees: Jeff Smith, Cass Co Highway and Mitchel Kirk, Pharos Tribune

Chairman Dave Arnold, called the meeting to order.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Grover Bishop to accept the minutes for February 19, 2014 Meeting, seconded by Brian Reed; Motion carried unanimously.

Claims:

No claims to be submitted.

ED Report:

Christy Householder gave her Economic Development Report to the Commission. She reported that she had visited 40 businesses to date. She had 1 project expand; Project Energy - MT Fabricating, INC., added \$623,000 in new equipment, and another possible industry to expand in May. Still working 2 possible prospects. Christy made and presented all Commission members with an Economic Development binder.

Projects:

Christy presented three additional land and building opportunities to be considered for Cass County's future growth.

Grissom ARB has approximately 75 acres located in Cass County, basically the tail end of the runway. Possible industries that might be interested in this area would be aviation and distribution. Need to meet with Grissom officials to better understand height and building restrictions that might apply in this area.

US 24 East/Logansport Road has a nice logistical location to US 31, with an easy on/off to US 24. Possible industries that might be interested in this area would be logistics and distribution, and manufacturing. Duane suggested we look to 600 to County line for possible growth area.

Royal Center- Traylor Chemicals Building should be available from the EPA about May timeframe. There is several buildings that can be used for a new business. Ceiling heights are lower than what is normally asked for, but good building that will be cleaned up. Dave and Christy will be meeting with the Redevelopment Coordinator to get a development plan in

place in the next couple weeks. Brian asked the building size- Christy was going to look on GIS to confirm size of buildings and space.

Other Business:

Jeff Smith, Cass Co Highway Superintendent, shared that the CR 275 West White Topping project was awarded the IPTQ Award, and the American Concrete Association Award. He shared a map showing County Road projects 325W and 400 S. Project 400 S, Phase I is funded and bid letting will be July 2015 including curb and gutter since it will be going through Clymer's. Phase II of this project is in preliminary stages, and a public meeting will be held Wednesday, March 19 at 6 pm. Phase III and IV will be combined for a quicker project. 20% match is already in place with CEDIT monies and SR 25 relinquishment funds.

There is an ED Financing education opportunity available on April 15 from 8 am to 4:30 pm. Christy, Dave, Grover, Brian, Ken and possibly George all planning to attend this seminar.

Next Meeting will be Wednesday, April 16, 2014 at 8:30 am in the Cass Co. Commissioner's Hearing Room.

There was no other Public Comment.

Adjournment:

Brian Reed made a motion to adjourn; Ken Personett 2nd; Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ken Personett', written over a horizontal line.

Ken Personett, Secretary