Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Greene County Redevelopment Commission January 17, 2019

The regular meeting of the Greene County Redevelopment Commission was held in the Commissioners' Room of the Greene County Courthouse on January 17, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. Present were John Mensch, John Preble, Brian Sparks, Scott Carmichael, and Hal Harp. Also present was the Commission attorney, Marvin Abshire, Attorney Marilyn Hartman, Commissioner Rick Graves, Randy Baker, Randy McCauley, Chuck Crouch and Dustin Payne.

The meeting was opened by a pledge to the flag. The meeting was called to order by Hal Harp. There was submitted for review and approval the minutes of the December 20, 2018 meeting. After review, a motion was made by Brian Sparks and seconded by John Mensch to waive the reading and approve the minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

The next item of business was the election of officers for the Redevelopment Commission. Former Board President, Hal Harp, has agreed to remain on the Board until the County Council makes its new Board appointments for the two open positions. A motion was made by John Mensch and seconded by Brian Sparks to elect John Preble as President of the Board, Brian Sparks as Vice-President and John Mensch shall continue to service as Secretary. The Motion was passed unanimously. The members present signed Oaths.

The Board then opened the Public Hearing on the Amended Economic Development Plan. Marvin Abshire presented to the Board the Amended Plan and advised the Board that the Economic Development Area in Eastern Greene County has expanded by more than forty acres with four properties being added. The Board offered public comments and Dustin Payne stated that he was at the meeting on behalf of both Center Township Fire Department and Center Township. He wanted clarification on how the Expansion would affect both entities. Marilyn Hartman informed him that the Expansion will not affect the Fire Department, but that it would affect Center Township with respect to Commercial Property only, but that the effects are not yet determined. There being no further comment or remonstrance, the Board closed the public hearing.

Resolution 2019-01, "Resolution of the Greene County Redevelopment Commission Confirming a Declaratory Resolution of the Commission Approving an Amendment to the Economic Development Plan Resolution" was presented. After discussion, a motion was made by John Mensch and seconded by John Preble to pass the Resolution. The motion was approved unanimously.

The next item of business was the review of the proposals for mowing submitted by Big Bear Ridge, LLC, Randy Baker, member. The Board expressed satisfaction with Baker's previous work. After discussion, a motion was made by Brian Sparks and seconded by John Preble to renew the mowing contract for the year 2019 with Big Bear Ridge, LLC. The motion was approved unanimously. Randy Baker reported that Mike Hicks' excavating crew has made deep ruts just outside the hotel site that need to be graded and smoothed for spring mowing.

John Mensch updated the Board as to the status of the hotel project. The construction is progressing well with the structure under roof; all interior walls are framed; and HVAC and electrical have been installed. The hotel appears to be on schedule. There was a report of minor vandalism.

John Mensch reported that the Fire District was turned over to the WestGate Authorities Development Committee. John Mensch further reported that the WestGate Authority signed a contract with Brian Burdick with the firm of Barnes & Thornburg for their services to assist with lobbying for future WestGate @ Crane Tech Park funding which he believes is a critical move.

Randy McCauley, doing business as Streaming Eagle, approached the Board regarding Rise Broadband discontinuing their antenna service stationed on the Eastern Heights 250,000 gallon water tower at WestGate. Randy McCauley, expressed that he would like to submit a proposal to provide high-speed internet service. There was discussion of a license fee and whether or not Rise Broadband has removed their antenna from the water tower. Randy McCauley will contact Kenny McIntosh from Eastern Heights Utilities to determine if the antenna has been removed, and if not, determine if it is compatible with his equipment. Randy McCauley will report back to the Board with his findings and a proposal.

Payment Request 2019-1, in the sum of \$973.50 was submitted for approval. After review, a motion was made by John Mensch and seconded by Brian Sparks to approve the claims.

Brian Sparks concluded the meeting by thanking Hal Harp for his leadership serving as President of the Board for many years.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED this 21st day of February, 2019.

John E. Mensch, Secretary