

DECATUR COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

MINUTES- MAY 15, 2024

The Decatur County Redevelopment Commission regular meeting was opened at 5:30 pm by President Don Schilling at the Decatur County Courthouse.

County RDC members present were President Don Schilling, Brian Keith, Todd Mauer, Danny Peters, Matt Miller and Chris Bower.

Others present: Jarrod Burns-Decatur County Schools, Somer Hart -Adams Township Volunteer Fire Department

Minutes of the meeting from April 17, 2024 were read and approved unanimously.

Somer Hart with the Adams Township Volunteer Fire Department gave an update on the new fire station. She spoke about site improvements including a new well and driveway permit. She added that a preliminary estimate for the building and improvements is around \$1 million. The RDC had previously pledged \$750,000.00 to the project. She will keep the Board updated.

Dr. Jarrod Burns with the Decatur County Schools came before the Board to discuss some budget shortfalls including textbook fees. The Indiana General Assembly passed a new law that eliminated textbook fees. As a result, the Schools had a \$114,416.86 deficit. Dr. Burns requested that the RDC provide the schools with additional funding.

1. A yearly donation in the amount of \$114,000.00 to fill in textbook and related costs for each of the next five school years 24-25 through 28-29.
2. A yearly donation of \$20,000.00 (\$10,000.00 for North Elementary & \$10,000.00 for South Elementary) for STEM materials, upgrades, and manipulatives for the next five school years.
3. A one time donation of \$20,000.00 (\$10,000.00 for each North and South Elementaries) for Science of Reading teaching materials.
4. A one time donation of \$191,830.00 for 500 brand new Dell Chromebooks for students in grade 9-12.

Danny Peters motioned to approve \$345,830.00 for 2024-2025 school year only. Chris Bower-second. Approved unanimously.

Don Schilling then mentioned that the Board needed a decision whether or not to capture all of the Excess Revenue from the TIF district. Chris Bower motioned to capture 100% of all Excess Revenue, Matt Miller-second. Passed unanimously.

Don then presented an invoice from Baker Tilly in the amount of \$5227.98 for services provide through April 17, 2024 related to tax increment financing, including preparation of the TIF

Update and participation in the April 17 Redevelopment Commission meeting. Chris Bower motioned to approve payment from the administrative account, Brian Keith- second. Approved unanimously.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2024 at the Courthouse at 5:30 pm.

With no further business, Danny Peters motioned to adjourn, Chris Bower - second, meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm.

Approved: _____
President

Attest: _____
Secretary