



CITY OF FRANKLIN

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

MINUTES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

March 8, 2016

Members Present:

Jake Sappenfield	President
Josh DeArmitt	Vice-President
John Ditmars	Member
Lee Hodgen	Member

Others Present:

Rob H. Schafstall	Legal Counsel
Krista Linke	Director of Community Development
Julie Spate	Recording Secretary

Call to Order:

Jake Sappenfield called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Lee Hodgen made a motion to approve the March 8th, 2016 minutes. Josh DeArmitt seconded the motion.

Old Business

New Business:

C 2016-01 Amcor Rigid Plastics

Krista Linke explained Amcor is nearing the end of their abatement. They are a little behind in their employment numbers. Estimated overall total was 190. They've increased a couple of employees each year along with their average hourly wage, one of the higher at \$34.86. They made their indicated investment, a little over on personal property and a little under on real. Mr. Sappenfield added they are not done hiring. Mr. Hodgen made a motion finding them in compliance. Mr. DeArmitt seconded. Motion passed.

C 2016-03 BPRex Healthcare Packaging

Ms. Linke highlighted this one as a late addition due to some clarification sought from them. They are a little short on their employee count at a total of 177 out of 193 and a little under on their average hourly wage by \$2.09. In 2014 Rexam was purchased by BPRex Healthcare. Their personal property improvements were increased slightly. Mr. Sappenfield referenced the numbers on the second page of the report being incorrect. Mr. Ditmars asked if the vote should be held off until corrections made. Ms. Linke said she had already spoken with them. Mr. Ditmars asked if it's necessary to have them resubmit. Ms. Linke didn't think it necessary. Mr. Sappenfield asked if a letter of correction would be coming. Ms. Linke said no since it was their first time to complete this report process. Mr. Sappenfield and Mr. Ditmars feel we need some sort of clarifying documentation to support the changes. Ms. Linke will

request it. Mr. Sappenfield and Mr. Ditmars concur that if accuracy is not pushed for now, a precedent is being set for going forward. This abatement was tabled.

C 2016-05 Cooper Tire & Rubber Co.

C 2016-06 CLF Cooper Franklin, LLC

Ms. Linke explained the combination with Cooper Franklin as the owner and Cooper Tire & Rubber as the tenant, and they have the personal property abatement, since the number of reported employees is the same for both. Their numbers have increased significantly. They are well over their employee count and average salary is higher. Mr. Hodgen moved that both are in compliance. Second by Mr. Ditmars. Motion passed.

C 2016-08 Electro-Spec, Inc.

Ms. Linke reported they are ahead on their employee count by 34, wages, personal and real property are higher. Motion by Mr. Ditmars. Second by Mr. DeArmitt. Passed.

C 2016-09 Electro-Spec, Inc.

Motion by Mr. Ditmars. Second by Mr. DeArmitt. Passed.

C 2016-10 Electro-Spec, Inc.

C 2016-11 Trueblood Oil Co.

Ms. Linke explained this is for the property Electro-Spec moved out of and leased to Trueblood Oil. They are the property owner and this is for the vacant building deduction. Though they look behind, they are on target for what they estimated on their SB1. They are ahead of their personal property investment. Mr. Schafstall asked how they pay two people \$11,000. Ms. Linke thinks it's not for an entire year's salary. Mr. Sappenfield cited the notes as helpful. Mr. Hodgen asked how they arrive at their hourly rates. Ms. Linke is usually given the total and calculates for all companies on 40 hours a week for 52 weeks a year in an effort to be fair to all companies. Mr. Hodgen made a motion these are in compliance. Mr. DeArmitt seconded. Passed.

C 2016-12 Faulkenberg Printing

Ms. Linke reported Faulkenberg a little behind on employee count, but their five hires were to be over five years and this is their first abatement year and they've already hired two. Their hourly wage is up \$1.00 and exceeded real and met personal property improvements. Several members commented on the cover letter that was submitted and how helpful it was. Mr. DeArmitt motioned them in compliance. Mr. Ditmars seconded. Passed.

C 2016-13 Franklin Tech Park Associates

Ms. Linke reported this to be the last year of their abatement. It houses the Aisin Bulk Distribution facility. Mr. Ditmars moved to find them in compliance. Mr. DeArmitt seconded. Passed.

Other Business:

Tuesday, April 12, is the next regularly scheduled meeting. Two weeks later on April 26, Ms. Linke asked if the commission would be available for a special meeting. This would allow the April 12th approved reports to go to City Council on April 18th and the April 26th reports would go to the City Council on May 2nd. This would also allow the May 15th deadline to be met for turning the signed CF-1 Forms into the county and back to the companies. All commission members were available.

Ms. Linke also presented the economic development fee at City Council last night, and it was approved as recommended.

Mr. Sappenfield called for any audience comments.
Tara Payne announced Explore Downtown Franklin this weekend.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Ditmars and a second by Mr. DeArmitt. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted this 12th day of April, 2016.

Jake Sappenfield, President

Ken Austin, Secretary