



CITY OF FRANKLIN

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Memorandum

To: City of Franklin Economic Development Commission
From: Krista Linke, Director of Planning & Economic Development
Date: March 8, 2012
Re: Case C 2012-25: Wertz Timber and Veneer

Summary:

1. On January 8th, 2007, the Franklin Common Council passed Resolution No. 2007-02, approving a 5-year tax abatement on personal property for Wertz Timber and Veneer, located at 551 Earlywood Drive.
2. Actual and estimated benefits, as projected for 2011:

	Estimated on SB-1	Actual in 2011	Difference
New Employees	10	5	-5
Salaries	\$296,000	\$92,562	-\$203,438
Average Hourly Wage	\$17.79	\$11.13	-\$6.66
Personal Property Improvements	\$300,000	\$172,610	-\$127,390

3. Wages are still not what were predicted on the SB-1 Form and the number of jobs created is also less than indicated. In 2009 there were 7 jobs with an average hourly salary of \$12.64. In 2010 there were 6 jobs with an average hourly salary of \$ 10.87. An additional employee was lost in 2011 and the average hourly wage fell to \$8.90. A written explanation is attached.
4. The equipment purchased cost much less than anticipated.
5. The personal property tax abatement for Wertz Timber and Veneer is scheduled to expire in tax year 2012 payable 2013. The final compliance review will take place in 2013.

Staff Recommendation:

Approval