

# Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission

January 4, 2021

1:30 p.m.

Members:

Name:	Title:	Appointed by:	Voting/Non-voting:	Present:
Jorge Morales	President	County Council	Voting	Present
VACANT		County Council	Voting	
DeWayne Hines		Commissioners	Voting	
Dan Arnholt	Vice-President	Commissioners	Voting	Via ZOOM
Carl Lienhoop		Commissioners	Voting	Present
VACANT	Liaison	BCSC	Non-voting	
Pia O'Connor	Treasurer	Auditor's Office	Non-voting	Via ZOOM
Jason Hester	Liaison	Greater Columbus EDC	Non-voting	Via ZOOM
Grant Tucker	Attorney	Commissioners	Non-voting	Not Present

Auditor Pia O'Connor opened the meeting.

Chris West, Tax Administrator in the Auditor's Office, gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item on the agenda was the Swearing in of the Voting Members by Auditor O'Connor. This was not needed for the present individuals, but will need to be done for the new members at the next meeting.

The next item on the agenda was the election of Officers. **Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion nominating Jorge Morales as President and Dan Arnholt as Vice-President. Dan Arnholt seconded the nomination which passed 3-0.**

Jorge Morales took over the meeting as President.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the January 2, 2020 meeting minutes. **Dan Arnholt made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed 3-0.**

Under Old Business, President Morales had asked Jason Hester of Greater Columbus Economic Development Commission to give an update on the TIF areas. Mr. Hester stated that there has been some activity at the site. As of early August there had been only 1 prospect visit for the entire County. Things had picked up in the last quarter of 2020. They of the 3 of the 5, we are no longer in the running for a site. Of the 2 companies still actively searching, we are a finalist for both of them. One of those projects would have significant infrastructure requirements. As of today, there is still no money in the TIF Funds. It only captures Industrial/Commercial growth of real estate, not personal property. Honda, Old Dominion and Peer Foods will be the first taxpayers captured. Chris West will try to have estimates

of what may be collected in 2021. Mr. Hester stated there is another cross-dock facility that may be coming to the area but they may be asking for a tax abatement. This would mean that the taxes would be phased in. This company has not made their final decision as of yet. There was discussion regarding a group meeting of all units to discuss items such as possibly closing County Road 900 N. He stated that a traffic light would be something to start discussing for the intersection of 800 N and US 31. Chris West noted that Old Dominion is utilizing Executive Drive as opposed to 800 N due to there being no traffic light at 800 N. President Morales stated that he wants to have in place what we need for those companies that are looking. Commissioner Lienhoop stated that he had seen a real estate transfer in the paper for the cross-dock facility.

Under New Business, President Morales stated that they had operated on an as-needed basis. They have met the required January meeting. Mr. Hester stated that if one of these projects would have a request of the BCRC, then they would have to have a meeting. If they did call that meeting, it would be done in an Executive Session. Auditor O'Connor explained the need for Executive Sessions due to confidential/proprietary information of the company.

The next meeting will be Monday, February 1, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

Dan Arnholt asked if the County Council could reappoint Laura DeDomenic. Jorge R. Morales stated that she could be but it would be up to the Council to decide. DeWayne Hines replaced Greg Pence when he left as a Commissioners appointment. Commissioner Lienhoop appreciated Laura DeDomenic's willingness to serve.

There being no further business before the Commission, **Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to adjourn. Dan Arnholt seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**