## SPECIAL JOINT MEETING – JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE JOHNSON COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (RDC)

## **SEPTEMBER 28, 2020**

RDC President Rob Henderson called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m. The following members of the RDC were present: Rob Henderson, Kevin Walls, and Ron West. A quorum was present. Voting member Brian Baird was absent and non-voting member Curtis Harris was absent. Lee Money arrived shortly after the start of the meeting.

## Approval of Minutes from August 24, 2020

Mr. Walls made a motion to approve. Mr. West seconded the motion. The vote carried three to zero.

Lee Money entered the meeting via Zoom.

## **New Business**

County Attorney Shena Johnson informed the RDC that she has offered to take over the duties of the recording secretary of the RDC from the County Auditor, and is seeking the RDC's approval. Mr. Walls made a motion to approve. Mr. West seconded the motion. The vote carried four to zero.

Mr. Henderson noted that there were some questions asked by RDC Counsel, Heather James, to answer some questions related to the establishment of TIF districts. Mr. Henderson did not believe that the RDC members were in a position to answer those questions at this meeting, but asked for input from the other members regarding the questions. Mr. Walls stated that he was aware of the need for overlay maps and volunteered to speak with the County's GIS Department regarding same.

With regard to the other questions asked by Ms. James, Mr. Money noted that the name for the economic development area should be easy to remember. Mr. Henderson suggested that the RDC members should get their responses to the questions asked by Ms. James to Ms. Johnson prior to the October meeting, and there was a consensus therefor.

Mr. West asked some follow up questions regarding Ms. James' questions regarding depreciable personal property in the County and how vague the description of the projects can be. Mr. West assumed that the RDC could be vague and said that it would be harder to be more specific. Mr. Money noted that there is a difference between vague and general terms, and that general would likely be permissible. Mr. Henderson stated that he would contact Ms. James for further clarification.

Ms. Johnson asked for some clarification regarding the timeline and substance of the RDC meetings for the remainder of the year. Mr. Walls said he would prioritize bringing maps in to clarify the areas to begin. Mr. Money stressed the urgent need to have overlay maps at the October meeting. Mr. Walls suggested that a special meeting could be called if needed, and

Ms. Johnson reminded the RDC that due to the pandemic, remote attendance is still permitted under the Open Door Law.

Mr. Walls asked Mr. Money and Mr. Henderson for input regarding their previous experience on other redevelopment commissions. Mr. Money stated that Ms. James, as RDC counsel, would direct the RDC through the initial steps. Neither Mr. Money nor Mr. Henderson had any experience with subcommittees on other redevelopment commissions.

Mr. Henderson noted that some members have scheduling conflicts with the standing time and date for these meetings. There was some discussion about changing the time.

Mr. West suggested that the economic development area be named County Opportunity Zone Enterprise (COZE).

Mr. Walls made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:53 p.m. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approved on: October 20, 2020

Rob Henderson, President

Brian Baird

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Kevin Walls

Ron West