

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2022**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Justice Michael White; Justice Neil Burge; Justice Tobye McClanahan; Justice Cecil McDonald; Justice Joe Lewis; Justice Harbans Mangat; Justice Molly Jackson; Justice Rick Ash; Economic Development Clif Chitwood; Treasurer Peggy Meatte; Finance Kelli Jones; Randy Scott; Judge John Alan Nelson.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice White. Meeting was turned over to Clif Chitwood. Mr. Chitwood had three agreements to be brought forward. Mr. Chitwood stated the work here/live here program was totally funded by industries on a voluntary basis in order they can make an offer in line with the foundations program of offering 10% off the price of a new home or 5% of an existing home.
 2. GREDA board recommended \$100,000.00 for Razorback Concrete and 5-Star Hydraulics a piece. The county would help offset capital expenses. Motion was made by Justice Neil Burge to approve appropriate \$100,000.00 each for Razorback Concrete and 5-Star Hydraulics for capital improvements. Second was made by Justice Tobye McClanahan. Motion passed.
 3. Ellis Transport Company was planning a new port facility located in Osceola. They had a location in Blytheville and Memphis. Requesting \$175,000.00 toward equipment purchases. 15 jobs would be provided. Subject to a contract with Plum Point Energy. Loan, equipment and contract needed to be in place before money was given. Motion was made by Justice Tobye McClanahan to appropriate the \$175,000.00 to Ellis Transport Company. Second was made by Justice Cecil McDonald. Motion passed.
 4. Contract with Cody Shreve from Osceola to write grants for the county had already been approved.
 5. Discussion at GREDA Board meeting on the idea of developing a matrix for incentives. Clarification was needed on what was important. Low paying jobs were heavily Mississippi County. Higher paying jobs were harder to get people to live in Mississippi County. The Quorum Court was invited to attend the next GREDA Board Meeting. Great River would be structuring the matrix. Suggestions were to be made at the meeting. Justice White stated the four points. 1. Number of jobs. 2. Pay range. 3. Commitment to work here/live here. 4. Mississippi County residents and maybe the bootheel. A position might be needed to contact HR personnel. One employee of GREDA that would handle more of the internal things that needed to be done. Mr. Chitwood asked if the Court would consider expanding the scope of work from industrial recruiting to worker recruiting. Mr. Scott said Big River Steel committed \$500,000.00 for new homes. Mississippi County Industrial Association would be formed. Mr. Chitwood would return with more information after the GREDA meeting.
 6. Meeting adjourned.
- Minutes submitted by: Cindy George