

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT MEETING
AUGUST 14, 2023 1:00 ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Justice Michael White; Justice Neil Burge; Justice Rick Ash; Justice Cecil McDonald; Justice Melinda Martin; Justice Harbans Mangat; Justice Betty Hepler; Justice Tobye McClanahan; Economic Development Clif Chitwood; Finance Kelli Jones; Judge John Alan Nelson; Public Affairs Tom Henry; NEA Town Courier Kay Richter.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Michael White and turned over to Clif Chitwood. Great River Board had two requests. Atlas had added 10 more jobs and \$26 million investment to the project. The board asked for another \$100,000.00. Incentive brought up to \$1 million. Would do another \$30,000.00 for work here live here. \$10,000.00 per job. Motion was made by Justice Rick Ash to give Atlas Tube \$100,000.00 for 10 jobs. Second was made by Justice Neil Burge. Motion passed and would go to Quorum Court.

2. The board requested \$500,000.00 for Hybar. Hybar had expressed an interest in being a community sponsor and may participate in the Work Here/Live Here program. Initially about 200 jobs. Salary highly competitive with Nucor and US Steel. Motion was made by Justice Ash to approve \$500,000.00 to Hybar for 200 jobs. Second was made by Justice Cecil McDonald. Justice Neil Burge was opposed. Vote 3 to 1. Motion carried and would go to Quorum Court.

3. Judge Nelson reported on revenues from taxes. #6 was Mississippi County. Industrial development was funded by this money. June 30, 2023 was \$3.5 million. Anticipated \$7 million. Solid times in Mississippi County.

4. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy George