

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 18, Justice 2019 10:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

**ATTENDANCE:** Chairman, Justice Bill Nelson; Justice, Neil Burge; Justice, Michael White; Justice, Fred Fleeman; Finance Director, Kelli Jones; Entegrity, Rick Vance; John David Nelson; Public Affairs, Steven Savage; Economic Development, Clif Chitwood; Judge, John Alan Nelson.

**1. Meeting was called to order by Justice, Bill Nelson. Meeting turned over to Clif Chitwood.**

**2. Mr. Chitwood stated we received a legal opinion from Dover Dixon Horne LLC in Little Rock. Due to the amendments that had been made in the last election it is now legal for a County to transmit incentive money to a company by reimbursing them for expenses made for land, building, equipment, railroads, infrastructures. Great River Board voted to recommend the Quorum Court accept the legal opinion. Economic Development will the reimburse the company up to the amount of the incentive. Justice, Neil Burge made a motion to accept the legal opinion from Dover Dixon Horne. Second was made by Justice, Fred Fleeman. Motion passed and will be presented to the Quorum Court.**

**3. Mr. Chitwood stated Dedrick Davis is manufacturing pickles in his home. He makes Mr. Davis pickles. There are three grocery stores that he is supplying. Mr. Davis would like to expand his production and would like Economic Development's help to acquire a larger building. He has four employees now and would like to get 10. Great River Board recommended an incentive of \$50,000.00. Capital needs would not exceed \$15,000.00. \$35,000.00 would be used to pay rent. Justice White asked if this incentive meets the Economic Development guide lines. Mr. Chitwood stated food production is manufacturing. Justice, Fred Fleeman made a motion to appropriate the funds for Mr. Davis Pickles in the amount of \$50,000.00. \$35,000.00 to pay rent and \$15,000.00 for capital needs. Second was made by Justice, Michael White. Motion passed and will be presented to the Quorum Court.**

**4. Mr. Chitwood stated Economic Development is out of certified sites in the County. A study will be done to certify the sites as shovel ready. The cost is \$150,000.00 per site. We are asking for \$300,000.00 for 2 studies. One in Blytheville and one in Osceola. Justice, Neil Burge made a motion to appropriate \$300,00.00 for site preparations. Second was made by Justice, Fred Fleeman. Motion passed and will be presented to the Quorum Court.**

**5. Meeting adjourned.**

**Minutes submitted by: Cindy George**