

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2020 1:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman, Justice Bill Nelson; Justice, Michael White; Justice, Howard Norvell; Justice, Betty Hepler; Justice, Alvin Clay; Justice, Rick Ash; Harbans Mangat; Public Affairs, Steven Savage; Economic Development, Clif Chitwood; NEA Town Courier.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice, Bill Nelson.

2. Economic Development has two Tax Back Resolutions to send to the full court. The companies are entitled to the money by state law. They only have to request it. The Cities have a program similar to the County's. TMS Arkansas Industrial Services Corporation and Nucor Steel. Justice Nelson asked for a motion to approve the Tax Back Resolutions. Justice, Michael White made a motion to approve the Tax Back Resolutions and take to the full Court for consideration. Second was made by Justice, Bill Nelson. Motion passed and will be presented to the Quorum Court. Meeting turned over to Clif Chitwood.

3. Mr. Chitwood stated a Resolution that was passed restricted the Court from considering Economic Development projects that did not meet the NAIC code. State guidelines that allows the AEDC to make State incentives. We have a prospect to buy the Juno building with incentives they hire enough Mississippi County residents. We have another prospect to purchase the Snyder building. Mr. Chitwood stated he would consider both to be manufacturers and fall under the umbrella. If the companies do not meet the restrictions then Nucor would have to purchase the buildings. \$600,000.00 for one and \$620,000.00 for the other. Mr. Chitwood asked the Committee if they would consider changing the Resolution in non-qualified AEDC projects that are closely related to manufacturing. The companies that are looking at the buildings are pipe fitters and would be in the guidelines. Justice Ash suggested removing the 75% doing business outside Arkansas to related to a manufacturing industry. Justice White stated the Court should be able to make decisions on the guidelines. Mr. Chitwood stated he would work up a package to be presented to the P & D committee.

4. Mr. Chitwood stated hiring Mississippi County residents is our goal. Dr. Shemwell and Clif Chitwood will present to the Great River Board a proposal to experiment with for a year. Economic Development would put in \$25,000.00, ANC will put in \$35,000.00. ANC would hire someone around \$42,000.00 to \$45,000.00. They would be an employee of ANC. The position would be for them to help hire Mississippi County residents. Reports will be given to Clif Chitwood and Dr. Shemwell. \$200,000.00 in workforce training last about 14 to 18 months.

5. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy George