

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
JUNE 18, 2020 11:00 A.M. ANNEX BUILDING**

**ATTENDANCE:** Chairman, Justice Bill Nelson; Justice, Neil Burge; Justice, Michael White; Justice, Fred Fleeman; Justice, Alvin Clay; Justice, Rick Ash; Economic Development, Clif Chitwood; Finance, Kelli Jones; Public Affairs, Steven Savage; NEA Town Crier, Joseph Fondren.

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

2. Mr. Chitwood stated Big River Steel will start Phase 2-A expansion. Another 100 jobs. I promised BRS they would be treated in the same way as Nucor. We received a base line of how many people work there from Mississippi County. 245 from Mississippi County, 62 from Pemiscott and Dunklin County. Total employed at BRS 525. 60% are from Mississippi County. \$18,000.00 for Mississippi County Residents, \$9,000.00 for Pemiscott and Dunklin Counties. \$1.8 million total incentive. Our board has voted on this incentive and recommended it. Justice Nelson asked for discussion. Justice, Neil Burge made a motion to move the request to Quorum Court. Second was made by Justice, Michael White. Motion passed.

3. Mr. Chitwood reported we have an option to sign with the Ohlendorf Family for 100 acres. Economic Development Commission has agreed to allow us as part of the ground we did the studies for Big River. Soil testing, borings, cultural studies for phase 1. There was \$150,000.00 set aside for the South and North end. No additional cost. This will cover the south end but have not been able to acquire a certified site for the north end.

4. A side project I have been working on with Assessor, Harley Bradley. Property tax that flows to the County comes from industrial vs agriculture and other uses. Total general fund is around \$8 million. Mr. Bradley believes ½ that comes in is industrial. Older companies American Greetings, Nibco, Kagome are not operating under an Act 9 bond but paying 100% depreciation.

5. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy George