

## **BRYAN BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

### **JOINT SPECIAL MEETING**

**JANUARY 26, 2023**

Bryan Board of Public Affairs Chairman Richard Long and Bryan City Council President Richard Hupe presided over the Joint Special Meeting held on January 26, 2023, with the following Board members present: Karen Ford, Tom Sprow, Annette Schreiner, and Jim Salsbury. Also present were: Bryan City Council members Jim Kozumplik, F. John Betts, Mary Leatherman, and Judith Yahraus as well as Mayor Carrie Schlade, Director of Utilities Nathan Gardner, Operations Manager Derek Schultz, Planning and Zoning Administrator Andy Waterston, City Engineer Brian Wieland, and City Clerk-Treasurer Laura Rode.

The Joint Special Meeting with Bryan City Council and Board of Public Affairs was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Bryan City Council Chambers.

Mr. Dave Newcomer, Ms. Dawn Fitzcharles, and Mr. Sean Rupp, representing the Williams County Port Authority, led a presentation on upcoming projects slated for Williams County. The projects are being designed to enhance economic development in the area by building affordable housing to entice more working families to the area.

Projects could include single family homes on various sites within the county to downtown housing to possible senior housing with the intent to open more established homes to incoming families.

Mr. Todd Valentine of Frontier Community Services shared various projects his company had developed in recent years. He explained the process of securing tax credits to finance projects and showed the group a possible layout on 9.2 acres of property on County Road C/Fountain Grove Drive for seniors noting income requirements as well as amenities. An option to purchase at the proposed site has been secured by the Williams County Port Authority from the Isaac family.

Discussion was held at various points during the presentation with regard to style, location, financing, and how soon applications would be accepted.

To proceed, the Frontier Community Group will need to present an application to the Ohio Housing Financing Agency by February 9, 2023. If financing is approved as well as the final application, building could proceed in June of 2024 with completion of the project slated for December 2025. A letter of support was requested to include with the application should the Council and Board of Public Affairs wish to do so.

Ms. Schreiner moved, Mr. Salsbury seconded, to have the Mayor draft a letter of support with regard to the project as suggested by the Williams County Port Authority in conjunction with Frontier Community Group. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Further discussion was held with Council President Hupe thanking the Williams County Port Authority and Mr. Valentine for the informative presentation. Mayor Schlade advised the attendees of the Blizzard Auction taking place this Saturday as well.

A brief recess was taken.

Mr. Sprow moved, Ms. Schreiner seconded, to go into Executive Session to discuss acquisition of property at 7:13 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Asked to attend the Executive Session were: Mayor Schlade, Director of Utilities Gardner, Operations Manager Schultz, Bryan City Council Members Hupe, Leatherman, Yahraus, Betts, and Kozumplik, City Engineer Wieland, Planning and Zoning Administrator Waterston, Williams County Port Authority members Dave Newcomer, Dawn Fitzcharles, and Sean Rupp, and City Clerk-Treasurer Rode.

Mr. Salsbury moved, Mr. Long seconded, to adjourn Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ms. Schreiner moved, Mr. Salsbury seconded, to adjourn the Joint Special meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Horn absent. Motion carried.

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Chairman of the Board

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Clerk-Treasurer