

**WHITLEY COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT**  
**October 8, 2013**

The Whitley County Redevelopment Commission met Tuesday October 8, 2013 in the Commissioner Room located in the Whitley County Government Center. In attendance were Bill Overdeer, Jim Argerbright, Michael Schrader, George Schrupf, Brooks Langeloh, absent was Frank Kessler. Also in attendance were Loren Kravig- Region III-A and Alan Tio, Jerry Freed-Gator Cases, Jeff Settano & Mike Barnhill. The minutes were recorded by Auditor Jen McGuire.

**IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES & CLAIMS:** A motion to approve the minutes from the prior meeting September 4, 2013 as presented was made by Schrader, seconded by Schrupf and carried with a 4/0 vote. After reviewing claims through September 30, 2013 for the month a motion by Schrupf to approve, seconded by Schrader and carried with a 4/0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF SOLSTICE MEDICAL:** Alan Tio, presented a request from Solstice Medical to enter into a loan guaranty with Solstice Medical to launch a software and hardware for surgical supply management. The company is located in the Iotron building in Park #30 and currently employees 4 Full-time and 2 Part-Time employees and with the expansion will employee up to 15 full time employees. The request is for \$160,000 from the Commission and will be granted in stages depending upon a contract with IU Health and investments matches. The Investment Board gave a favorable recommendation for this expenditure. After discussion a motion to allow the first disbursement of \$40,000 was made by Argerbright, seconded by Schrader and carried with a 4/0 vote. Alan with work with Attorney Boxberger to complete the paperwork required for this loan guaranty agreement.

**IN THE MATTER OF GATOR CASES, INC:** Gator Cases, Inc. a manufacturer of cases, bags and stands for the music industry plans to relocate its distribution center from Chattanooga, TN to the vacant Essex building. Jerry Freed, owner of the family owned business was on hand to describe the company. They distribute to 3900 stores in 96 countries. The two major customers are Sweetwater and Guitar Center. Gator Cases will create up to 106 new jobs by 2016. After discussion a motion to allow Resolution #2013-16 for a Personal Property abatement in the amount of \$1,523,000 for the next ten years was made by Schrupf, seconded by Argerbright and carried with a 4/0 vote. Anyone interested in applying for job can go through Leader Staffing or Indiana Career Connection.

**IN THE OTHER BUSINESS:** A joint meeting between the Redevelopment, EDC and the WCCS Board will be held at 11am today to review with Umbaugh the effect TIF has on the distribution of taxes to the school district.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned.

Whitley County Redevelopment Commission

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William N. Overdeer, Chairman

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Michael D. Schrader, Secretary

