

The Board of Directors of the Portage County Port Authority met in a Special Session in the Portage Development Board/Portage County Port Authority office located at 217 S. Chestnut Street in Ravenna, Ohio on Tuesday, January 15, 2015 at 3:00PM with the following members present:

T.N. Bhargava
Jack Kohl II

Dominic Bellino
Neil Mann Jr.

David Dix
James Wyatt, Jr.

Absent: Thomas V. Chema,

Also present: Phil Zimmerman, URS Corporation; Denise Smith, Portage County Prosecutor's Office; Bradford Ehrhart, Portage Development Board; Diana Fierle, Secretary/Treasurer

Chairman Jack Kohl called the January 15, 2015 special meeting to order approximately 3:06PM and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Meeting Notice: Ms. Fierle stated the meeting legal notice was advertised in the Record Courier on Sunday, January 11, 2015.

DISCUSSION

Sale of Kent State University property for City of Kent Roundabout Projects – Mr. Phil Zimmerman is here with us today to address the board regarding this project and request. The City of Kent has decided to help the flow of traffic around the university, the plan is to put 2 roundabouts on Summit Road. URS Corporation was hired to secure the property for the city so the projects can move forward. They need approval of twelve warranty deeds and 1 temporary deed. This offer for the property is about \$36,000 total. Mr. Zimmerman went on to explain more and discuss the traffic studies done in the area. There will be a roundabout on Risman and another on Loop Road. The whole project is 1.2 miles long with widening going down Summit Road. There will be 6 or 7 phases over a 1-2 year period. Mr. Zimmerman stated he would send a PDF map to Diana to e-mail out to the directors.

Ms. Fierle stated that she contacted Kent State University to confirm they approved the sale of the property. An e-mail was sent to Ms. Fierle from Ms. Connie Hawke confirming the Port Authority can move forward with the sale.

Questions arose regarding the payment of the \$36,000. Who gets the money? Ms. Smith stated that although the Port is the title owner, KSU actually owns the property and is building on the property. The Port Authority will receive the funding and it's up to the Port Authority to negotiate how much they give to KSU. It was suggested that the Port Authority could maybe keep a portion of the money. Mr. Kohl stated he would talk with Gregg Floyd at KSU after the money comes in.

A motion was made by Mr. Dix approving the sale of the Kent property and we'd talk with Kent State regarding the funds received by the Port Authority, seconded by Mr. Bhargava. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Mr. Mann stated that he didn't think we'd be out of line by asking KSU for an administrative fee.

Ms. Smith gave Mr. Zimmerman her business card so he can send all the final deeds to Denise to review and get the correct signatures.

Ravenna Learning Center Update - Kevin Callahan assures Mr. Kohl that they will have a lease signed within the next two weeks and once they get that they can begin the construction process. Mr. Kohl stated that he told Mr. Callahan that he is very frustrated with his partner. Mr. Kohl has not heard anything from Mr. Shafran. Until a lease is signed Mr. Callahan will not spend any money so they haven't sent anything to the City of Ravenna yet. The goal is to have the lease back by the end of January. Mr. Callahan states they can get the building going by the end of March. The Mayor of Ravenna stated in a previous meeting that it would take at least 90 - 120 days for all approvals and permits to get through the city. They also have to go through the Design Review Committee since it's in the historical district. Mr. Kohl stated as of the lease agreement the Port Authority does have final say on the design. There was much more discussion regarding this project.

Mr. Kohl stated he was concerned that Stark State was not able to fill the classes and didn't rent the space in the Rausch building for the spring. Ms. Fierle stated that the classes they were going to have were what is already being taught in our existing schools. They didn't have anything different scheduled. There was nothing to attract students to the classes. Mr. Bhargava stated that they told us in the beginning they would schedule vocational courses for the spring to get things started but they didn't do that. Mr. Ehrhart stated that Stark State wants the mayor and PDB to survey the companies in the area to see if there is interest. Mr. Ehrhart stated that we do collect this information when we make our visits to the companies. He did share that information for Ravenna with Mayor Bica. Mr. Ehrhart stated that he met with the Barberton people to see how they did it and they followed the same path we are doing. They did start with the basics, but now that they have the welding and other in place, they are at capacity with about 600 students.

Mr. Kohl stated that when he met with Stark early on they made it sound like they would do all the marketing themselves. We didn't see much of anything for the Ravenna spring classes. A few ads in the paper but not a lot. Also, the only information we've gotten lately from Stark is through Mr. Shafran. Mr. Callahan had no idea that they had to cancel the spring classes in Ravenna.

Mr. Bellino asked if we should start thinking of a plan B. Mr. Kohl stated maybe we need to see what happens with the lease. Mr. Ehrhart stated that he will have to let the Portage Development Board directors know what he is up to in regards to talking with business interest. He doesn't want to step on any toes. He believes Stark State really needs to know the interest of the companies here in Portage County. That is what he was able to get from Daryl Revoldt of Stark State. Mr. Kohl believes Para Jones has been very upfront and honest with him with their commitment to Ravenna. She stated that they are coming to Ravenna and he thinks she'll stick with it. Ms. Smith stated she believes people will be more excited when they see a building go up. Kevin Callahan keeps stating he should have a lease within two weeks. That is all Mr. Kohl knows at this time. He hasn't talked with Joe.

Mr. Bellino asked how the options were going on the other properties. Mr. Kohl stated we haven't done any

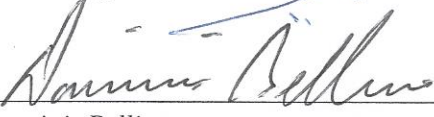
more with those because the demand wasn't there and it's been a lot to complete this part of the project. We are 2 years into this project and maybe one day we will have we got the options on the properties sooner.

With no more discussion regarding the Ravenna Learning Center Ms. Fierle mentioned the revised dates that are on the agenda. She gave incorrect dates at the last meeting.

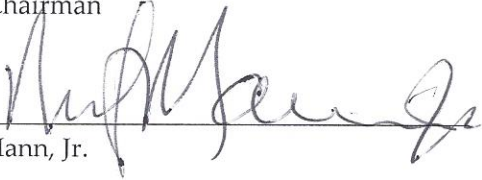
There being no further business to come before the Board, the special meeting of January 15, 2015 adjourned at 3:40PM. We do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Portage County Port Authority Board of Directors' special meeting on January 15, 2015.



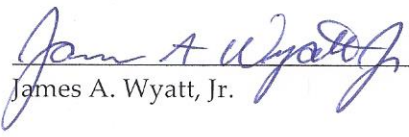
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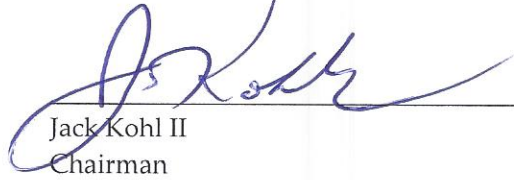


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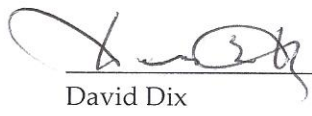


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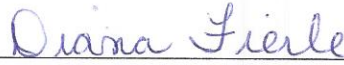
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