MOUNT PULASKI

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING BOARD

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The mission of the Mount Pulaski Economic Development and Planning Board is to improve the quality of life and create shared prosperity in our community by retaining, sustaining, and enhancing existing businesses and community organizations; attracting and developing new businesses; and improving and upgrading infrastructure.

Minutes

Date: June 10, 2026

Time: 6:15 pm

Location: Longview Community Center, 124 S Washington St, Mt Pulaski, IL 62548

1) Call to Order: Andrew called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.
2) Roll Call: Present were Andrew Meister, Tracy Pulliam, Erin Wyss, Doug Johnson, and administrator Deanna Howard. Corey Leonard, Benjamin Butler, and Tiffany Justice were absent
3) Introduction of guests: Amanda Scattergood and Ryan Jason
   a) Approval of Consent Agenda, including payments and minutes: **Tracy motioned to approve the payments and minutes. Erin seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Andy-aye, Tracy-aye, Erin-aye, and Doug-aye. Motion passes.**
4) Treasurer's Report: Deanna presented the treasurer's report.
5) Old Business:
   a) Don Maxheimer's amended application: Don submitted a new application. The board members requested that Don submit a formal estimate including details of the cost of the project.
   b) Fiscal Year 26/27 Budgets: Erin presented the proposed budget at the May meeting for the board to review for this meeting. Deanna updated the available funds in the budget to include open grants and administrative payroll.
      Doug motioned to approve the Community Donations Budget as amended: Lower 02-500 Frazier Park from $75,000 to $50,000, lower 02-301 Professional Services from $10,000 to $2,500, lower 02-502 Sidewalks from $25,000 to $10,000, and raise 02-501 Market on the Hill from $10,000 to $$25,000 bringing the total expenditures to $250,000. Erin seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Andy-aye, Tracy-aye, Erin-aye, and Doug-aye. Motion passes.
      Erin motioned to approve the Business District Budget for the 26/27 year with the amendment to remove 01-800 for Alley/Sidewalk renovations. Tracy seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Andy-aye, Tracy-aye, Erin-aye, and Doug-aye. Motion passes.

6) New Business:
   a) Building Donation-Tom Martin: Tom did not attend, but Doug explained that this was the St. Johns chapel that is currently listed for sale. The parties involved decided to sell instead of donating.
   b) Vinegar Hill Racers: Ryan Jason attended to explain how the funds he applied for would be used to bring more participants. He noted that he is adding an adult class to enable families to participate together. He raised \$ 3,500 in donations last year, including a \$1,500 donation from EDPB, and he invested \$ 1,500 of his own money in the event. He has applied for an advertising grant from Logan County Tourism. He explained that the donations he is requesting are from individuals or business owners with a passion for the event.
      Tracy motioned to donate to the Vinegar Hill Racers, LLC in the amount of \$2,000 from budget line 02-402. Erin questioned going over the requested amount. Andy is confident that Ryan has been very conservative with his requests and that Ryan formed his LLC specifically to bring this activity back to the community, and this event will increase tourism. **Doug seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Andy-aye, Tracy-aye, Erin-aye, and Doug-aye. Motion passes.**
   c) Zion/Heart of the Hill Summer Food Program: Amanda was present to represent Heart of the Hill and updated the board that her NFP will be taking over the Zion Summer Food Program. She listed items that are available to children because of this program. The board members asked questions regarding current funds available and how those funds are raised.
      The board requested that Amanda get more information from the Summer Food Program board members, including the average amount raised each year and what the expected amount would be to cover the needs of the community. Deanna requested that any request for funds be submitted with the EDPB assistance request application.
      Amanda asked about the remaining funds she requested for the Heart of the Hill Voucher Program.
   d) 26/27 Fiscal Year meeting schedule: Deanna presented the meeting schedule for 26/27.
7) Other Business/Non-Agenda Items: Deanna has invited Bishop Patel, the owner of the BP G-Mart, to apply for his building renovation, and the owner of Next Stop Saloon to apply to assist with funds to repair his roof that is leaking.
8) Executive Session: None
9) Next Meeting: July 8, 2026 (grant review)
10) Adjournment: **Tracy motioned to adjourn at 7:36 pm, and Erin seconded the motion. All present voted aye, and the meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.**