

***Pulaski County
Redevelopment Commission***

Thursday, 29 January 2026
Pulaski County Courthouse
Winamac, Indiana

Meeting Notes

Tuesday, 11 March 2025
Winamac Municipal Utilities Complex
Winamac, Indiana

Members present: Secretary Katelyn Bierrum (County Council); Tina Stacy (Board of Commissioners), Isaiah Tidwell (Council); Joe Cunningham (Board — non-voting advisory member representing local schools). Executive Director Nathan P. Origer.

Members absent: President Brian Ledley (Council) [personal], Vice-President Kyle Sefchek (Board) [business]; Stan Bennett (Board) [personal], Jon Frain (Board) [personal]. Assistant Taylor Bailey [personal].

Guests present: County Commissioner Jennifer Knebel; Brandi Larkin, Joe Moyer.

Call to Order

Director Origer called the meeting to order at 5:35 *p.m.*, noting the lack of a quorum.

Consent Agenda

Without a quorum, the Commission could not take action on the consent agenda.

Old Business

Housing projects — Catalyst-site housing project: The appraiser would be meeting Director Origer on the following Wednesday to commence the appraisal process. The director would be submitting the READI application for the project soon.

Housing projects — Willow Creek Villas: Director Origer reported that exterior framing had been completed, and sheathing begun, on the clubhouse, which would contain property facilities and two apartments. Completion of the project was anticipated to take place in the fall; discussion ensued regarding rental-rate tiers.

Redevelopment Association of Indiana: Director Origer explained that the Association operates on a July–June calendar and does not offer rolling registration, so he would apply for membership once the 2025–2026 enrollment had commenced.

2025 Economic Development Summit: The event would take place at 6:00 *p.m.* E.T. on Tuesday, 29 April; the director had not yet secured the location for the event. Indiana Fiscal Policy Institute President Stephanie Wells would serve as the keynote speaker, addressing the potential future impacts of the outcomes of the 2025 session of the Indiana General Assembly.

Future visioning: The Commission engaged in significant discussion regarding potential future projects; guests present also contributed to the discussion. Highlights included

- emphasis on starting small so as to avoid financial boondoggles;
- ensuring that efforts are not focused solely on Winamac;
- a façade-improvements grant program;
- ensuring that efforts are justified by data and involve coordination with community partners;
- housing;
- small-business support, including incubation and farmers’-market expansion;
- partnerships with local schools; and
- particular buildings that might be available for acquisition, renovation, and leasing or reselling.

Other Pertinent Business

None.

Public Comment

County-school partnerships: Commissioner Knebel reiterated her support for projects that would entail partnerships with local school corporations.

Obstacles to business expansion: Mr. Moyer explained that he has considered expanding his strawberry-growing operation but had been dissuaded by regulations and the lack of available labor.

Adjournment

Motion: Mr. Tidwell; second: Secretary Bierrum; no discussion; approval: all 6:42 *p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Nathan P. Origer, Executive Director/Recording Secretary *pro tempore*

Katelyn Bierrum, Secretary