

October 1, 2010

The City of Cynthiana Board of Commissioners met in special session on October 1, 2010 in the Commissioner's Room at City Hall. Present were Mayor Keith, Commissioners Grayson, Mattmiller, Moore, and New.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Keith called the meeting to order at 8:54 A.M. and stated the purpose of the special meeting was to hear additional information from WEDCO representatives on the request for the City's participation in the Foundation For a Healthy Kentucky Grant Application

Mayor Keith recognized Crystal Caudill of WEDCO. Mayor Keith inquired when WEDCO first knew about this grant. Ms. Caudill stated this grant was put on their radar two weeks ago. She informed the board that WEDCO was the lead agency in writing this grant. They had to be eligible just to be allowed to apply for this grant.

WEDCO REQUEST
RE: FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE - GRANT
APPLICATION

Mayor Keith stated this was poor planning since the City was first approached Tuesday night about this issue. Ms. Caudill apologized stating that they were unable to give the City ample time since they did not have ample time and that their employees had worked hard to try to put this grant together in the short time that they were aware of their eligibility to apply.

Commissioner Mattmiller stated that he was thinking that the City would be able to appropriate \$62,500 after the Tuesday night meeting but learned the County had agreed to \$125,000. Ms. Caudill acknowledged that any amount toward required match would be appreciated.

WEDCO of Cynthiana has been informed that they are eligible for a grant in the amount of \$250,000 toward the construction of a Health & Wellness Activity Center. Two acres have been set aside behind the facility on Oddville Avenue. This grant requires a \$250,000 cash match that must be committed before October 18, 2010, the due date of the grant application.

This would be a multi-use facility with three gyms, educational rooms, fitness rooms, meeting rooms, indoor walking track, opportunities for children, volleyball, indoor soccer, baseball hitting, etc. It is estimated to be a 1.2 mil facility. There will be additional fundraising in the community is this grant is received. Statistics show the Harrison County has a high rate of obesity in adults and children, diabetes and other health concerns thus making them eligible to apply for this grant.

PROPOSED
CONTENTS OF
MULTI-USE FACILITY

WEDCO has been meeting with other community partners, and WEDCO is now waiting for commitments from these entities. Ann Getting, 3M Plant Mgr., was present and informed the Commission that when she received the call about this project, she felt it was important to this community. There is no gym time here in Cynthiana. It would be an advantage for 3M to have healthy employees. 3M Foundation has \$25,000 toward this match with a possibility of an additional \$100,000 next year.

Also present was Pam Sloan of Kentucky Bank who has committed \$3,000 - \$4,000 this year with up to \$5,000 the next two years.

Commissioner Mattmiller asked that they review the time line. The application is due by October 18, 2010. The grant will be awarded December 10, 2010 and if they do not have the cash match of \$250,000, they cannot go forward.

Commissioner Mattmiller said we do not have the money in the budget but the City does have a reserve and any City match would have to come from that. This would need to be a decision of the entire Commission but that this would be his recommendation so that this grant application could move forward.

Janie Whitehead said this first started with HCAL, Harrison County For Active Living, a group of interested citizens and WEDCO working for our community who received their first grant for playground equipment last year. They have been working with people in Frankfort. She stated they are making a commitment to citizens in this community for long-term. This will become a regional facility and bring money into our community.

Spencer Cathey presented the business plan stating this plan began with HCAL. He said there are 18,000 people in Harrison County and 40,000 in the four counties served by WEDCO. WEDCO is aware that this could help people have a better quality of life and that he has seen people not move here for lack of amenities. This project would help that.

Commissioner Grayson stated he is hearing concerns in the room about our finances and that he acknowledges that the City is facing how to pay for our needs. He stated he endorses this project because it is very beneficial to this community. He feels the City should participate in this project and that City has a lot to do with work in our own park system.

Mayor Keith inquired about Bullard's participation. Spencer Cathey stated that Jeb Bullard has met with the committee, was unable to be here today but has expressed an interest in our City. Commissioner Grayson acknowledged he was aware of Mr. Bullard's interest in our City because he had spoken to him in the past on other issues.

Commissioner Mattmiller told the representatives that they had done a lot of work and that it was refreshing to hear everyone acknowledging the economic and health benefits to our community. This made him feel like we were a real city working together.

Mayor Keith asked Ann Getting if corporate 3M was interested to which Ms. Getting responded that they were but they needed to know the community involvement was there also.

Commissioner Mattmiller made a motion to make a preliminary commitment of \$62,500. Commissioner Moore seconded. In favor: Commissioner Mattmiller: yes; Commissioner Moore: yes; Commissioner Grayson: yes; Commissioner New: yes; Mayor Keith: yes; Opposed: none. Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE
\$62,500
COMMITMENT FOR
WEDCO GRANT
MATCH

Mayor Keith asked to be informed of any major issues that come up. The City will receive a copy of the grant.

Commissioner made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner New seconded. Commissioner Mattmiller: yes; Commissioner New: yes; Commissioner Grayson: yes; Commissioner Moore: yes; Mayor Keith: yes; Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 A.M.

Charleen McIlvain, City Clerk

John M. Keith, Jr., Mayor

