

Aspire Johnson County

Growth and Planning

May 25, 2017

Attendance: Dave Richardt, Teresa Harwood, Cindy Cook, Jody Veldkamp, Dana Monson, Eric Vermilion

White River Township plan: passed by the planning commission and sent to the commissioners for approval. The commissioners approved this May 8. The plan is now adopted.

I-69 update: House bill 1002 passed for road funding. The gas tax will be phased in so that each year more is added to roads and not to the general fund. The tax was also increased by .10 cents. In addition, the road funding is increased to over 200,000,000. INDOT section 6 meeting was held. Jody attended and said there wasn't much discord over the project. There were still questions on how it would affect individuals. There is some concern with the roads that are closing. Residents want to know how they will be able to get around. The major issue there is no input from the county and the plan has not even been started. The county does not seem to have a sense of urgency however the state is saying there is a brief period of time for their input. They will not receive funds for road improvements if they don't have a transportation plan that is current and includes the I 69 work. When the commissioner has been questioned, the response was that there was no rush for the plan since the road won't even begin work until 2020. Some of the area officials are saying it is too late for the plan to be submitted. There seems to be the thought that there needs to be a grant found to pay for this, and the true deadlines are not understood. Dana and Jody are working to get a meeting with INDOT to get the hard dates and the true facts and will share individually with the commissioners to try to bring this up.

Trails meeting: There will be a county wide meeting to discuss the legal drains as connectivity.

Small business resource workshop: the QuickBooks workshop has been scheduled in partnership with the Franklin Chamber. There are already registrations coming in and room for more.

Maker space: No report

OCRA Community Grant: No report

Collaboration: No report

Presentation on hold for large group