

**COLUMBIA CITY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES
JANUARY 2, 2015**

The Columbia City Redevelopment Commission met in a re-organizational meeting on January 2, 2015 with the following **members present:** President Commissioner Carl Siler
Secretary Commissioner Patricia Hatcher
Commissioner Dr. Angela Leonhard
Commissioner Ben Romine

Those absent: Vice President Commissioner Kevin Snell

Also in attendance: Mayor Ryan Daniel
Lori Shipman, WCEDC

President Commissioner Siler announced the Commission is required by law to re-organize the first working day of the year. Commissioner Romine made a motion, which is seconded by Commissioner Leonhard, to keep the same officers as last year. On call of the vote, all voted aye. **The officers for 2015 are as follows:**

Carl Siler – President Commissioner
Kevin Snell – Vice President Commissioner
Patricia Hatcher - Secretary

The Redevelopment Commission discussed the **building at 213 W. VanBuren Street for acquisition.** President Commissioner Siler updated Commissioner Leonhard on this building's dilapidated condition and the fact the owner wants to gift it to the Commission. The Commission discussed the acquisition of this property in length. Mayor Daniel offered to approach City Council to fund the Redevelopment Commission in the amount of \$60,000 to help the costs of demolishing this building knowing that the Whitley County Building Inspector will issue the demolition letter in a short period of time. This offer is good as long as the Redevelopment Commission will assume the responsibility of demolition and turning over the property to be conducive with our downtown. Lori Shipman stated if the building is worth less than \$10,000, then the Commission doesn't have to obtain appraisals. After more discussion, Commissioner Romine made a motion, which is seconded by Secretary Commissioner Hatcher, to pursue the acquisition of 213 W. VanBuren Street. On call of the motion, all voted aye.

As all business was discussed, the meeting was adjourned.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Martha Acres, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor.