

Economic Development Strategic Plan

Background: The county applied for a \$40K grant to create an economic development strategic plan. Thomas P. Miller and associates were selected as the contractor. The RDC will be conducting eight (8) community meetings in Sept and Oct to solicit input from the public on what they want and do not want in terms of economic development. Reference: Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA)

In support of the meetings, the RDC will develop a presentation that will provide baseline information on the economic status of the county. Topics (Preliminary):

Brown County Redevelopment Commission (RDC) Community Presentations – State of the County

- The Why - Community Vitality Indicators
- The Facts – Trends - Revenue, Spending, Debt, Taxes
- Decisions that will have to be made - What do need? What do we want? What do we not want?
- About our County - Townships, Population, Demographics, Housing
- About our Neighbors - Info on the surrounding counties
- About Our Community - Government, Schools, Businesses, Non-Profits
- Our Way Ahead? Document the input from the public. Our contractor reviews the economic data, assimilates the input provided by the citizens, identifies options that are then presented and discussed at additional public meetings. The final plan must be approved by the commissioners at a public meeting.

Meeting Dates and Times

- Sept 12, 2018 - 7:00- 9:00 p.m. Helmsburg Community Church 2370 Main St
- Sep 13, 2018 - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. County Office Building, Salmon Room
- Sep 18, 2018 - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Van Buren Elementary
- Sep 25, 2018 - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Sprunica Elementary
- Oct 4, 2018 - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Helmsburg Elementary
- Oct 11, 2018 - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. County Office Building, Salmon Room
- Oct 18, 2018 - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Van Buren Elementary

- Oct 25, 2018 - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Sprunica Elementary