

## **SUMMARY OF I-69 THUMB REGION - REGIONAL PROSPERITY STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

The I-69 Thumb Region Regional Prosperity Steering Committee met at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at the Genesee County Administration Building in the GCMPC Conference Room.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

### Introduction

Everyone introduced themselves.

Anna Pinter, Derek Bradshaw, Rachel Verschaeve, Bonnie DiNardo, Robert Peters, Brent Jones, Linda Burchell, Dan Casey, and Debby Compton.

### RPI Funding 2018

#### a. Revised Budget

Anna Pinter thanked everyone for taking the time to call in for this short meeting to discuss the revised budget. Ms. Pinter advised that everyone should have received a copy of the revised budget on Tuesday and she turned the meeting over to Derek Bradshaw.

Derek Bradshaw stated that we applied for \$250,000 and we received \$180,897. This lines up with what we received last year. We looked at last year's budget since the numbers were so close and we made some reductions in the budget. We rolled back the Project Management cost from \$45,000 to \$32,947, Meeting Expenses back to \$850, Collaboration from \$55,000 to \$40,100, and then we looked at our Partnership Projects. We approached this one a little differently, we did not want to cut it back to much that we couldn't do a project. The Recreation Website looks extremely promising, so we rolled that back just slightly from \$30,000 to \$27,500, the First Impressions Tourism we had at \$24,000 we rolled that back to \$12,000. We had a chance to talk with Andy Northrup at MSU about capacity and how many we were going to be able to do this year. Mr. Northrup said he only has the capacity to do two (2) this year which is how we got to the \$12,000. The Outward Facing Marketing we originally had in the budget at \$40,000, we ended up increasing that a little bit just on the off chance we received the \$250,000, so we just rolled that back to the \$40,000 that we originally were talking about and the last one which is the Education Project that we are hoping to do this year, we rolled that back to the \$27,500, same as the Recreation Website. That gets us to the number we need to be at which is the \$180,897.00. At this time staff is requesting approval from the I-69 Steering Committee of the Revised Budget to the Region V Planning and Development Commission. Mr. Bradshaw asked if anyone had questions at this time.

The Wage & Benefits Survey that was talked about on last week's conference call was mentioned. Mr. Bradshaw stated that there is potential from previous years funding that we are trying to see if it can be allocated to the Benefits Survey either through the UM-Flint EDA Center or another contractor.

b. Approval

Motion: Action: Approved, Moved by Dan Casey, Supported by Robert Peters, to approve the revised budget as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at the Ferris Wheel in Flint

Derek Bradshaw stated that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. at the Ferris Wheel in Flint. There will be a tour of the facility and a look at some Web items for Economic Development.

A calendar invite will go out to the group for this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debby Compton, Secretary  
GLS Region V