

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2019
VILLAGE OF CLAYCOMO, MISSOURI**

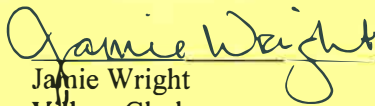
Chairman Sulzberger introduced herself to the attendees. Those in attendance were Pro-Tem Dale Goeller, Village Clerk Jamie Wright, Clay County Economic Development Council (EDC) Executive Director TJ Berry, Missouri State EDC Business Development Director Mark Stombaugh, Michael Lanihan also from the Missouri State EDC, and Regional Director of Community & Government Affairs with Ford Motor Company Tony Reinhart.

Chairman Sulzberger commenced the meeting stating the Village was at a loss with the next steps of the grant writing for the CDBG, however, the City Hall Clerks have recommended MarksNelson to win the bid. The references for MarksNelson were more in depth and the cost of the project was less than the other bidders, which made the decision for the suggestion.

Pro-Tem Goeller asked what the project was. Sulzberger explained the grant writer was to write the grant for the study of a road coming from 291 to the back area of Ford Motor Company, up to Liberty. Mr. Reinhart stated it was to come from Liberty Parkway down to the Subtropolis to open up the property. Reinhart also stated the demographics of Claycomo qualifies more readily for the Block Grant than the City of Liberty. Goeller wanted to know how this road would benefit the Village of Claycomo. Reinhart stated the property that cannot be reached right now due the railroad, no roads, will be opened up, and if it is developed, the Village of Claycomo will reap significant tax benefits. Mr. Stombaugh added this would alleviate congestion from 435 and 69 Highway interchanges. Stombaugh then reiterated they were only asking Claycomo to work with one of the partners presented (Marc, MarksNelson, and Mitzi Dell) to research and design a proposed road. Goeller continued by saying the grant was to help the community, not to create an infrastructure to benefit only one company. Stombaugh insisted the Missouri State EDC, nor the Clay County EDC, will even consider funding an infrastructure to assist only one company, but to assist the public. Sulzberger also included the road will be beneficial for traffic. Goeller would like to be a part of the plan. Sulzberger and Reinhart both pointed out the grant was for the best route and cost for the infrastructure.

Sulzberger asked if the once the grant writer is approved by the Board, will the Village pay the grant writer. Stombaugh said the EDC could look at the options. The entity that wins the bid will contact the EDC; get the funding to pay for the grant writer, time, and all the requests. The Village of Claycomo will be the recipient of the funding and will be the pass through for the funding. The Village may have to create a stand-alone account for the funding to be dispersed from, but Claycomo will not have to have any funding initially.

With no more questions, the meeting ended with a decision to have the grant writer added to the agenda for Monday January 28, 2019.



Jamie Wright
Village Clerk



Norma Sulzberger, Chairman
Board of Trustees