

On motion of Mr. Portune, seconded by Mr. Pepper the resolution was adopted.

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Resolution Creating Authority to Appoint Cabinet of Economic Advisors to Hamilton County and Disbanding the Hamilton County Economic Development Task Force

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This Resolution made this 29th day of August, 2007 For the purpose of creating a cabinet of Economic Advisors to the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners and to disband the existing county Economic Development Task Force which was empanelled on January 26, 2005

WHEREAS, Hamilton County is a political jurisdiction formed under authority granted by the Ohio General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the primary sources of revenue for the General Fund of Hamilton County arises out of sales tax revenues, property tax revenues and earnings on investments; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned sources of revenue for the General Fund of Hamilton County have not grown in a manner that keeps pace with the inflationary costs increases of doing business for the county; and

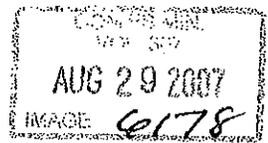
WHEREAS, in fact, the aforementioned sources of revenue have generally been flat or have declined since September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, while the county does not benefit directly from increases in earnings taxes, Hamilton County would benefit indirectly from increases in earnings taxes in the form of increases in sales taxes, property taxes or inter-governmental transfers becoming possible due to the increased purchasing power that increases in earning of workers in Hamilton County will produce; and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Development Company has generated an eleven point County Economic Development Strategy ("CEDS") that must now be implemented via a viable and focused plan for business growth in Hamilton County; and

WHEREAS, by action of the previous Board of County Commissioners, led by then Commission President Phil Heimlich empanelled an Economic Development Task Force for Hamilton County (See attached Resolution) and said Commission was neither called upon to meet regularly nor was it called upon to produce any reports or recommendations by the leadership of the prior Board of Commissioners and as a consequence languished and produced nothing of benefit to the county for economic development at a time when the county needed guidance, help, assistance and direction in the area of economic development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by a majority vote of the Board of Commissioners in and for Hamilton County, Ohio that the following action and steps occur:



1. That the Hamilton County Economic Development Task Force be and is immediately disbanded having no further duties, responsibilities, authority or effect with its members thanked and complimented for their service and their willingness to serve and its members publicly absolved from any responsibility for the lack of production of anything of value to the county, that being the responsibility of the failed leadership of the prior board;
2. That there shall be appointed a cabinet of economic advisors to the county ("CEA") whose Members shall be named on or before August 31, 2007 and whose composition shall represent both the diversity of business interests and diversity of community that is Hamilton County;
3. That the CEA shall consist of not fewer than five nor more than nine members to be appointed by the President of the Board with the advice and consent of the Board of County Commissioners;
4. That the CEA shall be chaired by one of its appointed Members as selected by the President of the Board of County Commissioners;
5. That the CEA shall meet and confer as necessary and shall focus upon providing counsel and guidance to the Board of County Commissioners and, upon the Board's approval, to the County Administrator, the Treasurer for Hamilton County, the Hamilton County Development Company ("HCDC"), and to such other persons or entities as the Board shall deem necessary;
6. That the CEA shall review the 11 point CEDS as recommended to the Board by HCDC and shall offer guidance and counsel as to the best means to implement said strategy;
7. That the CEA shall provide a specific recommendation to the Board for consideration in the 2008 county All Funds budgeting process that is designed to re-direct the revenue posture of the county, and especially the county General Fund, to be such that the county's revenues generated via sales taxes, property taxes and earnings on investments shall equal or exceed the rate at which inflation is causing the county's costs of doing business to increase;
8. That the CEA shall meet with and confer upon other regional initiatives for the purpose of assisting the county in determining the best strategy and approach to implement as the county's contribution to the success of such efforts including without limitation *Go Cincinnati* and *Agenda 360*; and
9. That the CEA shall be provided staff support through the County Administrator's office and shall have the full cooperation of the county and county staff and access to all records and documents of and from the county Budget and Strategic Initiatives office and from Hamilton County Regional Planning and Zoning.

This Resolution is adopted this 29th Day of August, 2007 at a regularly scheduled meeting of the board of County Commissioners and the Clerk to the Board is directed to Record this action of the Board in the Minutes and to cause a true and correct copy of the same to be forwarded to the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, the African American Chamber of Commerce, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and to the Cincinnati Business Committee, and such other development entities that the County is advised are involved in developing economic strategies and business growth for the county.

YES
Commissioner Portune

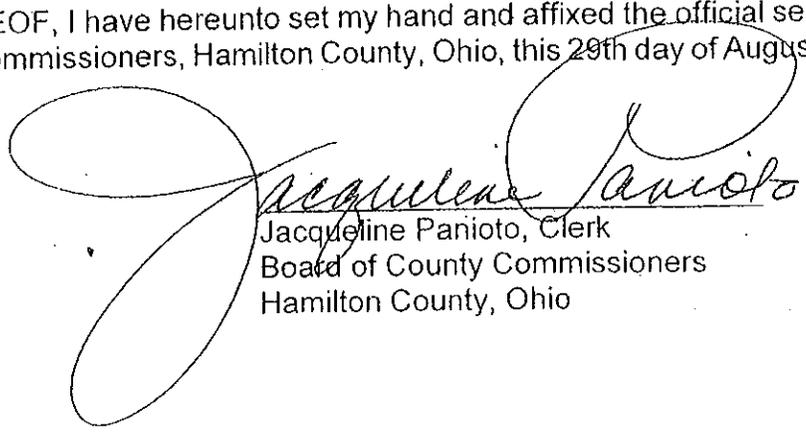
YES
Commissioner Pepper

ABSENT/EXCUSED
Commissioner DeWine

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution adopted by this Board of County Commissioners in session the 29th day of August, 2007.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Office of the County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Ohio, this 29th day of August, 2007.


Jacqueline Panioto, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Hamilton County, Ohio