

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN CITY OF CRAWFORDSVILLE AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY
REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

This Memorandum of Understanding seeks to memorialize the intention of the City of Crawfordsville (the City) and Montgomery County (the County) to provide for collaboration on matters related to economic development within the City and County.

Background

- The City and the County have collaborated previously in specific projects for the purpose of bringing economic development to the City and County;
- The City and the County believe that these specific collaborations have benefitted the citizens of the City and County and believe that a framework for ongoing general collaboration is necessary to fully realize the maximum economic development benefits available;
- The City and County intend to use this memorandum to identify areas of agreement and matters which are in need of further discussion regarding general economic development.

Recitation of Preliminary Understandings

1. **Economic Development.** The County and City agree that for the purposes of this memorandum of understanding that the term "economic development" should be interpreted broadly to include matters such as marketing, infrastructure planning, business retention, residential development and growth, grant applications, and responding to project interests through the State portal or otherwise.
2. **Regular Meetings.** The parties will schedule a regular monthly meeting to be attended by the Mayor or his delegee, the Commissioners, and the County Administrator. Either party may involve additional staff in these meetings as deemed necessary.
3. **Marketing.** The City will take the lead for marketing related to economic development with input from the County.
4. **Business Retention Visits.** The City has implemented a policy and plan to visit with businesses within the City and will expand those visits to businesses within the County; the goal of these visits is to ensure retention of employers and to foster potential growth and development within those companies. The City will notify the County one week prior to a business retention visit to a business outside of the City limits and allow the County Administrator to attend the visit; if the County Administrator does not attend the visit then the City will provide a written report to the County following the visit.
5. **Response to State-Portal Projects or Other Development Inquiries.** The parties agree to discuss desired parameters for economic development projects. The City will take the lead on economic development project interest responses and the County agrees to provide the City with written guidance on its desired parameters for

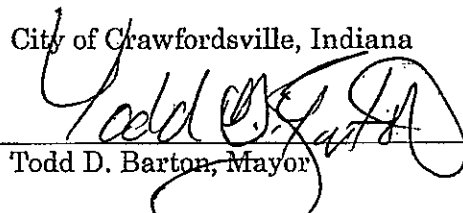
favorable projects. If the City receives a state-portal project inquiry that the City believes meets the desired parameters it will notify the County and the County will notify the City if it wishes to respond or not. If either party receives an economic development inquiry outside of the state-portal it will notify the other within one business day of the inquiry. The goal of the parties is to develop and align their interests for preferred economic development based on a set of parameters that meet the philosophies and policies for economic development and growth. All notifications under this section shall be directed to City Economic Development Director on behalf of City, and County Administrator on behalf of the County.

6. **Infrastructure Planning.** The parties agree to work together to identify and develop plans for infrastructure installation that will promote economic development.
7. **READI 2.0.** The parties agree that the County Administrator will remain on the READI 2.0 board and be the County's representative for LEDO.
8. **Agreement Contacts/Notifications.** The City's primary contact and all notifications related to the agreement will go to the Mayor. The County's primary contact and all notifications related to the agreement will go to the County Administrator.
9. **Nonbinding Memorandum.** The purpose of this memorandum is to assist the parties in the identification of issues, areas of agreement and disagreement, and a structure within which to assist each other in economic development, and if the parties so desire, to later enter into an interlocal cooperation agreement. This Memorandum is not an agreement between the parties, is not binding upon them, and it neither creates enforceable rights for the benefit of the parties nor imposes obligations upon them. This memorandum merely recites the parties' intentions to explore the possibility of an agreement.

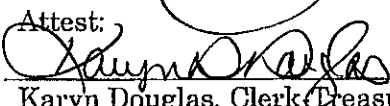
City of Crawfordsville, Indiana

Date: July 2, 2025

By:


Todd D. Barton, Mayor

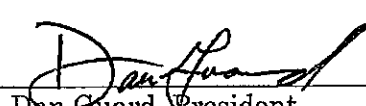
Attest:


Karyn Douglas, Clerk Treasurer

Board of Commissioners of Montgomery
County, Indiana

Date 6-23-2025

By:


Dan Guard, President

Attest:



Mindy Byers Auditor

Jennifer Andel, Chief Deputy Auditor