

FEB 14th
2022

**Berea Tourism Commission Minutes
Special Called Meeting
Monday, February 14, 2022, 9:00 AM
City Annex Building - 304 Chestnut Street**

Special Called Meeting: A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM; Vice Chairman Rick Thomas presiding.

Commission Members Present: Rick Thomas, Charles Arnold, Kristy Napier, Laura Carpenter

Support Staff Present: Donna Angel, Nancy Conley

Visitors Present: No visitors present

Approval of Agenda:

Arnold moved to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Napier. Motion passed unanimously.

Commercial Kitchen Update - Donna Angel:

Angel provided information on an opportunity to write a \$100,000 nonmatching grant for a commercial kitchen to enhance the back-room area of the Tolle Building. Commercial kitchen could be a revenue generator and a learning space for LearnShop cooking classes. Angel asked for a letter of support and a match of \$25,000 from Berea Tourism Commission. Economic Development will also provide a \$25,000 match. This is a nonmatching grant; matching dollars make the application stronger. Grant application due February 28, 2022.

Motion:

Napier moved to offer a letter of support to accompany the \$100,000 grant application to the USDA and a pledge of up to \$25,000 contingent on receiving the grant to add kitchen equipment and infrastructure to the Tolle Building; seconded by Carpenter.

Discussion:

- \$25,000 pledge from Economic Development and \$25,000 pledge from Berea Tourism - if the grant is not awarded the money is not spent
- Tolle Building multi-purpose building
- Commercial kitchen
 - could be a revenue generator
 - plan to include learning space for LearnShop cooking classes; space to be a learning environment
- Ford Building
 - Idea of a walk-in cooler
 - winter display space for Farmer's Market

Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned:

Arnold moved to adjourn at 9:29 AM; seconded by Carpenter. Motion passed unanimously.