

**PUBLIC MEETING
December 7, 2004**

Chairman Mike Murray called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Tinsley is present. Commissioner varone is absent due to personal leave. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Ron Alles, Sharon Haugen, Sheldon Bartel, and Carole Byrnes.

Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone recited the pledge.

Public Hearing on Tax Exempt Application of Gateway Economic Development Corporation. Ron Alles reported Gateway Economic Development Corporation has requested it be afforded the same tax benefits they had while the city owned the property on Poplar Street. The city deeded that property to Gateway as a business incubator and the intent and the mission of Gateway is to incubate those businesses. Requesting the county to exempt Gateway from the county's mill levy.

Executive Director, Sheldon Bartel, stated Gateway managed 1015 Poplar building for the city. Prior to being deeded in September 2003, Gateway was not responsible for taxes. The reason for this tax exemption is Gateway is growing very rapidly. In order to keep overhead low, assistance with a tax exemption would be helpful. Gateway would like to improve the facility. The 2005 strategic plan calls for the development of a master plan for the development of the 1015 Poplar building. By not passing the real estate taxes to the tenants the rent can remain low for tenants.

Hearing no other comments, the public hearing is closed.

Commissioner Tinsley moved to approve and authorize the chair to sign. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Resolution Of Intention To Amend Rural Improvement District 92-1, Colorado Gulch. (Sharon Haugen) The Commissioners will consider the resolution. To amend the colorad gulch RID. Original set up for road funding. The landowners amend to allow for installation of light for colorodo gulch and Highway 12. adopt the resolution of intent and hold public hearing to. The annual cost will be 96 for developed lots and 47 cents for undeveloped lots. Commissioner Tinsley moved to approve and authorize the chair to sign. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Public comments on matters not mentioned above. None

Adjourn. 10:10 a.m.