**City/County/IDA Workshop**

**Southwest One Comprehensive Plan**

**October 18, 2021**

A workshop with City/County/IDA was held on Monday, October 18, 2021 at 12:00 P.M. at Marshall County Courthouse. Josh Tubbs called the meeting to order and the following were present:

City of Benton – Rita Dotson, Mayor; Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treasurer; Ann Riley, Council; Kevin Farley, Council; Charles Edmonds, Council; Sherra Riley, Council; Butch Holland, Council; Todd Riley, Gas Manager; Tony Seavers, WTP Supervisor; Harold Helton, WWTP Supervisor and Chandler Green; Sewer Department.

Others in attendance: Josh Tubbs, George Long, Chad McCann, Kevin Neal, Areia Hathcock, Corey Belcher, Dennis Smith and Brad Warning.

Tubbs informed everyone that the pad ready site that was discussed at our February joint meeting has been approved for funding for a 120,000 square foot facility. Having this site will help Benton be more competitive to obtain potential business in Southwest One Industrial Park.

There was discussion on existing and future maintenance of the roadways, landscaping and mowing of Southwest One but nothing was decided.

There was also discussion on a new water tower to replace the existing one on Highway 641. Chad McCann with Rivercrest Engineering was present and said the idea of the replacement is to put a new, larger tank where the current one is and not to move it to SW1. Raising the tank and adding the larger capacity should eliminate the need for booster pumps. The transmission line to the industrial park is already there at the current location as well. Smith commented that if the need arose to move it to SW1 that the County IDA Board will work with the City for a site.

Representatives from West KY RECC were present to discuss the process of adding a substation to the site if it were needed. This process takes 3 to 5 years after a contract is in place. This need would mainly come if a data center was to locate in this area.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

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Rita Dotson, Mayor

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Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treas.