

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF SHELBY**  
**ORDINANCE DATED Feb. 21, 2023**  
**ORDINANCE # 2023-5**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SHELBY COUNTY, INDIANA  
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
A REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the Indiana General Assembly created the Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (“READI”) during the 2021 legislative session to be administered by the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (the “IEDC”) for the purpose of providing \$500 million of grants to regions across the state; and

WHEREAS, the Counties of Decatur, Rush, and Shelby, along with the Cities of Greensburg, Rushville, Shelbyville, and Batesville, formed the Accelerate Rural Indiana READI region (the “ARI Region”) and completed a Regional Development Plan (the “Regional Plan”) which was awarded \$20 million of READI funds; and

WHEREAS, the ARI Region’s READI funds are currently administered by a temporary fiscal agent due to the lack of an existing regional entity capable of administering the funds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to IC 36-7.6 (the “Act”), one (1) or more counties and one (1) or more adjacent counties may participate in the establishment of a Regional Development Authority (the “Development Authority”) as a separate body corporate and politic to carry out the purposes of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Act authorizes a Development Authority to fund and develop airport authority projects, transportation projects, economic development projects, and any project that enhances the region with the goal of attracting people or business, that are of regional importance; and

WHEREAS, the Counties of Decatur, Rush, and Shelby (collectively, the “Members”) believe they could benefit from establishing a Development Authority; and

WHEREAS, the ARI Region’s Regional Plan listed the formation of a Development Authority as a regional priority for regional cohesion and administration of READI funds; and

WHEREAS, when the Members establish a Development Authority, each second class and third class city in the county will automatically become a member of the Development Authority; and

WHEREAS, Shelby County (the "County") finds that it is necessary to participate in the Development Authority for the purposes granted to it under the Act, including administering current ARI Region READI monies and applying for future rounds of READI monies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SHELBY COUNTY COUNCIL THAT:

1. The Shelby County Council finds and determines that it is in the best interest of Shelby County to authorize the County's participation in the Development Authority as a separate body corporate and politic for the purposes and with all the powers and duties granted to it under the Act.

2. The Shelby County Council hereby authorizes Shelby County's participation in the Development Authority.

3. The County's membership period will expire eight (8) years from the date of the passage of this Ordinance.

4. Pursuant to the Act, the Development Authority shall be governed by five (5) individuals appointed by the executives of the Members of the Development Authority who meet the criteria as defined under the Act.

5. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Adopted this 21 day of February 2023.

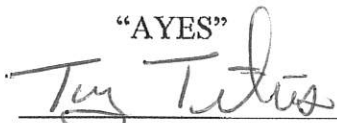
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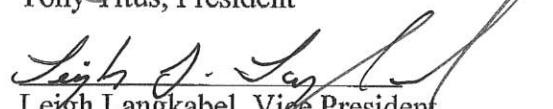
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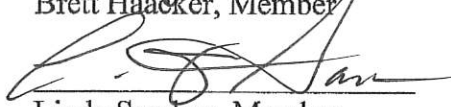
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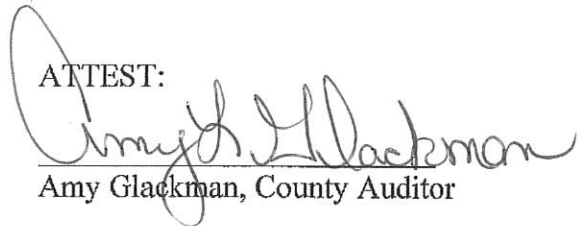
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