

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM**

TO: BOARD OF FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	Reviewed:
FROM: Lisa Johnson	Ext: 3485
DEPARTMENT: Administration	
DATE: Wednesday, September 24, 2008	No:

ITEM: Franklin County's Strategic Plan

Background: The Kansas Enterprise Zone nonmetropolitan business designation for Franklin County will expire on February 28, 2009. To continue this designation, it is necessary for Franklin County to have updated their strategic plan in the prior three years. The Commission last updated the County's Strategic Plan on February 15, 2006 in Resolution 06-14. It is necessary in order to retain the Enterprise Zone designation to update the plan at this time. In the past, Franklin County has worked with the O/FCED in completing this plan. In preparing to update the plan for 2009, I have met with Mr. Weigand and discussed how the plan was done in the past and how it might be done for 2009. In order to obtain increased citizen involvement and information, we are proposing that we conduct a countywide survey. In addition to the survey, meetings should be held throughout the County to provide a forum for citizen input. This has been done in the past with poor attendance. To promote attendance we are proposing working in conjunction with the municipalities throughout Franklin County to hold the meetings as part of their regular meetings rather than holding separate meetings. Ultimately, the goal of the strategic plan is to provide an overview of the goals for Franklin County in regard to countywide issues and to develop objectives and strategies in the form of an action plan to address these issues. A copy of the 2006-2008 Strategic Plan is attached for your review.

Recommended Action: Adopt Proposed Resolution.

Attachments: Resolution Charging O/FCED to Create a Strategic Plan for Franklin County

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF
FRANKLIN COUNTY, KANSAS**

RESOLUTION 08 -

**A RESOLUTION CHARGING OTTAWA/FRANKLIN COUNTY ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT TO CREATE A STRATEGIC PLAN TO RETAIN FRANKLIN
COUNTY AS A NON-METROPOLITAN BUSINESS REGION DESIGNATION**

WHEREAS, A regional economic development organization, known as the Ottawa/Franklin County Economic Development Corporation has been established; and

WHEREAS, The Ottawa/Franklin County Economic Development Corporation was incorporated in the State of Kansas and registered in Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, The Ottawa/Franklin County Economic Development Corporation has a membership representative of all geographic areas of Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, The Ottawa/Franklin County Economic Development Corporation has a membership representative of all types of businesses and industry resident in Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Franklin is represented on the Board of Directors of the Ottawa/Franklin County Economic Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Franklin is a supporting and active member of the Ottawa/Franklin County Economic Development Corporation: now, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED

BY

THE BOARD OF FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,

That the Board of County Commissioners hereby declares that the Ottawa/Franklin County Economic Development Corporation meets the requirements of K.S.A. 74-50,116(c)(1) and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Kansas Secretary of Commerce and Housing is hereby requested to acknowledge the Ottawa/Franklin County Economic Development Corporation as a qualifying regional economic development organization for the purpose of approving and re-approving Franklin County as a designated non-metropolitan business region.

WHEREUPON, the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Kansas, passes and adopts this Resolution in regular session on this 24th day of September 2008.

Karen S. Farrell
Chairperson

John E. Taylor
Vice-chairperson

Donald C. Hay
Commissioner

Roy C. Dunn
Commissioner

Donald R. Stottlemire
Commissioner

Attested and Recorded, this 24th day of September 2008.

Shari Perry
County Clerk