

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

TO: BOARD OF FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	Reviewed:
FROM: Lisa J. Johnson	Ext: 3485
DEPARTMENT: Administration	
DATE: Wednesday, October 07, 2009	No:

ITEM: Issue a Notice of Intent to Issue Recovery Zone Bonds

Background: The County is eligible to issue \$1,558,000 in Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds and \$2,336,000 in Recovery Zone Facility Bonds. These are bonds authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The original deadline for the County to issue an intent to either issue or decline the bonds was September 15, 2009. The Department of Commerce has granted the County an extension to indicate their intent until October 15, 2009. If the County fails to respond or declines the funds the money will be reallocated. In conferring with bond counsel, Dotty Riley, it is recommended that the County indicate an intent to issue the bonds at this time to preserve the allocation and further investigate possible projects or uses for the funds. If the County ultimately does not issue the bonds on or before July 1, 2010, the money would be recaptured by the State and reallocated with no penalty to the County. Attached is the paperwork from the Department of Commerce explaining the bonds. Attached to the Notice of Intent is an outline of possible projects for the bonds if the County should decide to issue the bonds.

Recommended Action: Issue the Notice of Intent

Attachments: Notice of Intent to Issue.

State of Kansas
Recovery Zone Bond Notice of Intent to Issue

Date: 10/7/09
City or County: Franklin County, Kansas
Street Address: 1428 S. Main Suite 2 Ottawa, KS 66067
Telephone: (785) 229-3485 Fax: (785) 229-3449
Name of Chief Elected Official: Chair John E. Taylor
Name of Authorized Representative (if applicable): Lisa J. Johnson - County Administrator

Amount of Original Allocation of **Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds**: \$ 1,558,000

Amount of Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds to be Issued: \$ 1,558,000

Estimated Date of Bond Closing: Fall 2010

Issuing Entity, if Other than City or County: N/A

Amount of Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds Waived (use Waiver Form): \$ 0

Remaining Amount of Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds: \$ 0

(Please attach separate page description of project(s) using RZB. Include a description of activities, beneficiaries and numbers of jobs created or retained.)

Amount of Original Allocation of **Recovery Zone Facility Bonds**: \$ 2,336,000

Amount of Recovery Zone Facility Bonds to be Issued: \$ 2,336,000

Estimated Date of Bond Closing: Fall 2010

Issuing Entity, if Other than City or County: N/A

Amount of Recovery Zone Facility Bonds Waived (use Waiver Form): \$ 0

Remaining Amount of Recovery Zone Facility Bond Allocation: \$ 0

(Please attach separate page description of project(s) using RZB. Include a description of activities, beneficiaries and numbers of jobs created or retained.)

I hereby certify that the city/county of Franklin, as duly authorized by its governing body, intends to issue recovery zone economic development bonds or recovery zone facility bonds, as specified above. The \$250.00 Administrative Fee is due when the bonds are issued.

Signature _____ Date 10/7/09
Chief Elected Official or Authorized Representative

Submit original form by September 15, 2009 to: **Ed Serrano**
Kansas Department of Commerce
1000 S.W. Jackson Street, Suite 100
Topeka, KS 66612-1354

Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds:

Franklin County has been exploring the possibility of major renovations to the County criminal justice facilities for several years. As part of this process the Commission is considering the purchase of land for a new Franklin County Juvenile Services Facility. The facility is estimated to cost between \$3 and \$5 million for construction costs, site development and relocation costs. The facility will be used to house juveniles that have been deemed appropriate for detention, all intake processes for juveniles in Franklin County, processing children in need of care, a day school facility for Franklin County and to provide services as necessary from local mental health providers that serve the juvenile population at the Center and medical providers and educational providers to juveniles and their families for juveniles ordered to the facility. The facility will also house juveniles from other Counties in the area including Osage County, Anderson County and Coffey County. The current Juvenile Center employs 14 employees. All positions would be retained at the new facility. It is not anticipated that any new County jobs would be created as part of a new facility. The day school program is a new program and would potentially create 1-2 new positions as deemed appropriate by the school district.

Recovery Zone Facility Bonds:

The County anticipates the potential request by private developers on a number of possible projects. These projects include a possible warehouse expansion, a manufacturing expansion, and/or the possible land development for a new industrial park. Any of these projects would result in the creation of additional jobs within Franklin County and the retention of current jobs. Any of these projects would benefit the community of Franklin County. All are under exploration but it is not likely that more than one would be funded through the Recovery Zone Facility Bonds.