

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 04

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN
INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
REGIONAL LAND BANK**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Martin County, Indiana, recognizes that there exists in the County a substantial number of tax delinquent and or other properties which are non-revenue generating, vacant, or dilapidated; and

WHEREAS, these properties contribute to the blight and deterioration of the rural areas outside of the incorporated cities and towns in the County as well as areas within the incorporated cities and towns within the County; and

WHEREAS, IC 36-7-38-1 et seq. provides for the creation of a local land bank authority; and

WHEREAS, land banks are designed to help local governmental units to acquire tax delinquent or other properties which are non-revenue generating, vacant, or dilapidated ; and

WHEREAS, land banks foster the public purpose of returning such property to an effective utilization status in order to provide housing, new industry, jobs for community citizens and revitalization and stabilization of neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Martin County, Indiana, agrees that the establishment of and participation in a regional land bank would be beneficial to the citizens of Martin County, Indiana, and desires to address its distressed properties through a regional land bank authority; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to IC 36-7-38-2(b), the legislative bodies of two (2) or more contiguous counties may enter into an interlocal agreement under IC 36-1-7, directing the executive of one (1) of the eligible units entering into the interlocal agreement to organize a nonprofit corporation under IC 23-17 as an independent instrumentality exercising essential governmental functions; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners, as the legislative body of Martin County, Indiana, has determined that it will be serve the citizens of Martin County to participate in a multi-county, regional interlocal agreement, to address distressed properties in the County through an Indiana nonprofit corporation under IC 23-17 as an independent instrumentality exercising essential governmental functions, to be formed to function as a land bank to return such distressed property to a useful and contributing status;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Martin County, Indiana, as follows:

Section 1. Authorization to Enter into an Interlocal Agreement for the Creation of a Regional Land Bank. The Board of Commissioners hereby directs the President of the Board to enter into an interlocal agreement with the Counties of Crawford, Daviess, Greene, Lawrence Orange, Owen, and Washington, to organize a nonprofit corporation under IC 23-17 as an independent instrumentality exercising essential governmental functions.

Section 2. Designation of the Unit to Establish the Nonprofit Corporation. The Interlocal Agreement shall designate Daviess County, Indiana, as the eligible unit to establish the nonprofit corporation for the creation of a multi-county land bank.

Section 3. Requirements of the Interlocal Agreement. Pursuant to IC 36-7-38-4.5, the Interlocal Agreement shall provide the following:

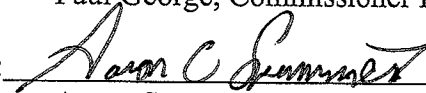
- (a) The number of directors of the initial board of the land bank corporation shall consist of eight (8) members;
- (b) The Board of Commissioners of each participating county shall constitute the appointing authority for One (1) member of the land bank board;
- (c) The Interlocal Agreement shall further provide that the bylaws of the land bank corporation meet the requirements of IC 36-7-38-3.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Board of Commissioners.

APPROVED this 24 day of January, 2023.


BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
MARTIN COUNTY, INDIANA

By: 
Paul George, Commissioner President

By: 
Aaron Summers, Member

By: 
J. Cody Roush, Member

Attest:


Michelle Norris, Auditor