

Economic Development Report

What a busy 2 months this has been! I have enjoyed getting into the swing of things and meeting everyone. There is so much I want to help accomplish for Worth County and Grant City.

Grants-I attended a grant workshop sponsored by MODOT with Dr. Martz and Janis Borey in January. It is a partnership grant between the school district and city/county. It is called the "Safe Routes to School Grant". This grant, if we receive it, would provide needed sidewalks to make a safer way for kids to get to school.

I completed the "Keep America Beautiful" Grant. This grant is a solid waste management grant and would provide some very nice recycling bins to place around our community to collect cans and paper. We could then turn the recycling in for money.

I am working on the next grant due in April which is the Solid Waste Management Grant. This grant would assist us in getting a wood chipper, which our county has been wanting for some time.

Welcome Letters-I am sending welcome letters out to new business owners to welcome them to the area. I also invite them to join the Chamber if they are interested.

Future Plans-I would like to again start up the business of the month, get the Farmers Market rolling for the summer, and would love to have family activities happen this summer on the square.

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