

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-012

BY THE CITY OF PAOLA, KANSAS

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ACCEPTANCE OF THE MIAMI COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN AS A ROADMAP FOR CREATING A “COUNTY OF CHOICE” IN THE KANSAS CITY METROPOLITAN AREA.

WHEREAS, the City of Paola serves as a member of the Greater Miami County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and actively interacts with the Miami County Economic Development Department (Department); and

WHEREAS, it is the role of the EDC and the Department to promote the economic vitality of Miami County including all of its Cities; and

WHEREAS, Miami County began working with county, city, business and community leaders on the development of an Economic Development Strategic Plan in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Strategic Plan proposes five key goals for the future including, Vision Alignment, Talent Pipeline Optimization, Foundational Community Elements, Target Industry Clusters, and Unified Communications all of which are consistent with the work being undertaken by the City of Paola; and

WHEREAS, the currently proposed goals are consistent with the broad regional goals found within numerous planning documents utilized by Miami County’s partner organizations including the Mid-America Regional Council, Kansas City Area Development Council, KansasWorks, and the Kansas Department of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, the targeted industries included in the plan (Agribusiness, Industrial Manufacturing, Transportation and Warehousing, and Professional Services) are consistent with the opportunities identified by the City of Paola; and

WHEREAS, the strategies identified in the core pillars of the Economic Development Strategic Plan including alignment, readiness, and marketing seem appropriate and necessary for the success of the plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF OSAWATOMIE, KANSAS:

SECTION ONE: We encourage the Miami County Commissioners to accept the Economic Development Strategic Plan as the *County Roadmap* for future economic development activities.

SECTION TWO: That the Miami County Commissioners regularly seek input from business and community leaders to conduct a regular review to make updates to the Economic Development Strategic Plan allowing it to match the challenges and opportunities presented in future years.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Governing Body of the City of Paola, Kansas, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020.

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Artie Stuteville, Mayor

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ATTEST:

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Stephanie Marler, City Clerk