



AN ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF POLK COUNTY, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXAS ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS ENTERPRISE ZONE ACT, CHAPTER 2303, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE (ACT), PROVIDING TAX INCENTIVES, DESIGNATING A LIAISON FOR COMMUNICATION WITH INTERESTED PARTIES, AND NOMINATING GEORGIA-PACIFIC WOOD PRODUCTS SOUTH LLC TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM THROUGH THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK AS AN ENTERPRISE PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of **Polk County, Texas** (County) desires to create the proper economic and social environment to induce the investment of private resources in productive business enterprises and to provide employment to residents from an enterprise zone; and

WHEREAS, the project or activity is located in an area designated as an enterprise zone; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 2303, Subchapter F of the Act, **Georgia-Pacific Wood Products South LLC** has applied to the County for designation as an enterprise project; and

WHEREAS, at the election of County Commissioners Court, certain local incentives are available to **Georgia-Pacific Wood Products South LLC** as a qualified business that will create a higher level of employment, economic activity and stability; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing to consider this order was held by the County Commissioners Court on February 24, 2015; NOW, THEREFORE;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF **POLK COUNTY, TEXAS** THAT:

Section 1. That it nominates **Georgia-Pacific Wood Products South LLC** for enterprise project status.

Section 2. That the following local incentives, at the election of the County Commissioners Court, are or will be made available to the nominated project or activity of the qualified business:

- a) The County may establish a reinvestment zone and abate taxes on the increase in value of real property improvements and eligible personal property for up to 10 years for qualifying projects under the requirements of the County's Tax Abatement Policy. The level of abatement shall be based upon capital investment, and the extent to which the business receiving the abatement creates jobs for qualified employees, in accordance with the Tax Abatement Policy and with qualified employee being defined by the Act.

- b) The County may provide business and industrial development services, including:
 - 1) Local sales tax refund;
 - 2) Chapter 381 tax rebates for qualifying projects that significantly enhance the County's tax base as provided in the County's policy;
 - 3) Establishment of a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone;
 - 4) Freeport exemption;
 - 5) Creation of stream-lined permitting and problem resolution centers or ombudsmen;
 - 6) Promotion and marketing services;
 - 7) Other tax deferrals, tax refunds or tax incentives;
 - 8) Low-interest loans for business;
 - 9) Use of surplus school buildings or other underutilized publicly owned facilities as small-business incubators;
 - 10) Provision of publicly owned land for development purposes; or

- c) The County may provide regulatory relief to businesses, including:
 - 1) Zoning changes or variances;
 - 2) Exemptions from unnecessary building code requirements, impact fees, or inspection fees; or
 - 3) Streamlined permitting.

- d) The County may provide enhanced municipal services to businesses, including:
 - 1) Improved police and fire protection; or
 - 2) Institution of community crime prevention programs; or
 - 3) Special public transportation routes or reduced fares.

- e) The County may provide improvements in community facilities, including:
 - 1) Capital improvements in water and sewer facilities;
 - 2) Road repair;
 - 3) Creation or improvement of parks; or
 - 4) Creation of other venues, such as museums, conference centers, etc.

- f) The County may provide improvements to housing, including:

- 1) Low-interest loans for housing rehabilitation, improvement, or new construction; or
 - 2) Transfer of abandoned housing to individuals or community groups.
- g) The County, in partnership with other regional entities, may provide job training and employment services to businesses, including:
- 1) Job training and employment services;
 - 2) Retraining programs;
 - 3) Literacy and employment skills programs;
 - 4) Vocational education; or
 - 5) Customized job training.

Section 3. That any enterprise zone areas created within the County are reinvestment zones in accordance with the Texas Tax Code, Chapter 312.

Section 4. That it directs and designates Sydney Murphy, County Judge for Polk County, as the County's liaison to communicate and negotiate with the Governor of Economic Development and Tourism (EDT) through the Economic Development Bank and enterprise project(s) and to oversee zone activities and communications with qualified businesses and other entities in an enterprise zone or affected by an enterprise project.

Section 5. That it finds that **Georgia-Pacific Wood Products South LLC** meets the criteria for designation as an enterprise project under Chapter 2303, Subchapter F of the Act on the following grounds:

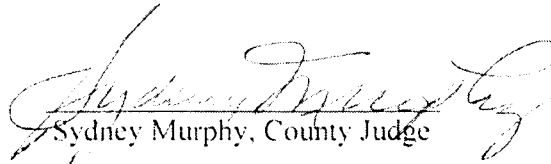
- a) **Georgia-Pacific Wood Products South LLC** is a "qualified business" under Section 2303.402 of the Act since it will be engaged in the active conduct of a trade or business at a qualified business site within the governing body's jurisdiction, located inside an enterprise zone and at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the business' new employees will be residents of an enterprise zone or economically disadvantaged individuals; and
- b) There has been and will continue to be a high level of cooperation between public, private, and neighborhood entities in the area; and
- c) The designation of **Georgia-Pacific Wood Products South LLC** as an enterprise project will contribute significantly to the achievement of the plans of the County for development and revitalization of the area.

Section 6. The enterprise project shall take effect on the date of designation of the enterprise project by EDT and terminate on **March 3, 2020**.

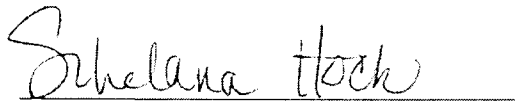
Section 7. That the provisions of this order are severable and the invalidity of any part of this order will not affect the validity of the remainder of the order.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 24th day of February, 2015

POLK COUNTY, TEXAS


Sydney Murphy, County Judge

ATTEST:



Schelana Hoek, County Clerk

