



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, May 25, 2004

Council Session

Item G18

**#2004-128 - Approving Interlocal Agreement with Hall County
Relative to the County's Contribution to the Heartland Events
Center**

Staff Contact: Doug Walker

Council Agenda Memo

From: Douglas R. Walker, City Attorney

Meeting: May 25, 2004

Subject: Approving Interlocal Agreement with Hall County
Relative to the County's Contribution to the
Heartland Events Center

Item #'s: G-18

Presenter(s): Douglas R. Walker, City Attorney

Background

In 2003 the Hall County Board of Supervisors authorized the county to contribute a portion of its keno revenues towards the Heartland Events Center. The county voted to contribute keno revenues of \$150,000 in the current budget year and expressed an intent to contribute an additional \$850,000 over a seven year period to the Events Center. A part of the process for facilitating these contributions is the passage of an interlocal agreement between the county and city for the transfer of these funds.

Discussion

The Hall County Board of Supervisors has decided to contribute up to \$1,000,000 to the Heartland Events Center which will be a city owned property once the city's financial obligations under the lease purchase agreement with Heartland has been completed. To facilitate the payment of the monies from Hall County to the city for use on the Heartland Events Center a grant agreement has been prepared between the county, city and Fonner Park Exposition and Events Center to facilitate the transfer of these funds. By approving the grant agreement, this should qualify the transfer of keno revenues from Hall County to the city as an interlocal agreement between these two governmental entities.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Approve the grant agreement as drafted and previously approved by the Hall County Board of Supervisors.
2. Disapprove or /Deny the grant agreement.
3. Modify the grant agreement to meet the wishes of the Council
4. Table the issue.

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the grant agreement as previously approved by the Hall County Board of Supervisors.

Sample Motion

Approve the grant agreement with Hall County and the Fonner Park Exposition and Events Center.

RESOLUTION 2004-128

WHEREAS, on May 18, 2004, the County Board of Supervisors approved an Interlocal Agreement by and between the County of Hall, the City of Grand Island, and Fonner Park Exposition and Events Center, Inc. for the County of Hall to provide keno funds to the City of Grand Island for use in the construction of the Heartland Events Center; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors has authorized \$150,000 to be paid to the City of Grand Island on or prior to June 30, 2004 for such construction; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the County Board of Supervisors to provide additional annual funding in the amount of \$150,000, however such additional funding will be subject to further approval by the County Board of Supervisors ; and

WHEREAS, a Grant Agreement by and among the County of Hall, the City of Grand Island, and Fonner Park Exposition and Events Center, Inc. setting out the terms of the financial assistance by the County of Hall for the Heartland Events Center has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the Grant Agreement by and among the County of Hall, the City of Grand Island, and Fonner Park Exposition and Events Center, Inc. setting out the terms and conditions of the financial assistance by the County of Hall for the Heartland Events Center is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute such agreement on behalf of the City of Grand Island.

- - -

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, May 25, 2004.

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
May 19, 2004	<input type="checkbox"/> City Attorney