

Article 7 – Carroll County

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(a) The Economic Development Commission of Carroll County is created for the purpose of advancing the general welfare of the people through programs and activities to develop Carroll County's natural resources and economic opportunities pertaining to commerce, agriculture, forestry, transportation, travel, tourism and recreation, and to cooperate and offer assistance to existing industries and businesses, and to promote and encourage the establishing and locating of new industries and businesses in Carroll County and other matters intended to foster and develop gainful employment and the pursuit of happiness of all who are now or may hereafter be residents of Carroll County.

(b) The Commission shall consist of at least nine members, who shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. The members shall represent a cross-section of the economic composition of Carroll County and shall be selected because of their known experience and interest in the development of Carroll County. [Those organizations representing the same categoric interest shall jointly send to the County Commissioners a list of not less than two nor more than three names of persons duly qualified and interested in serving on the Commission, and the County Commissioners shall select the members of the Commission from the lists which are submitted.]

(c) The members of the Commission shall serve for two years from the effective date of their appointment and are eligible for reappointment. They shall serve without compensation but [shall] MAY be reimbursed for necessary travel and other expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The Commission shall select from its own membership a chairman, vice-chairman, and a secretary-treasurer to serve a term of one year and to be eligible for re-election, provided that no one person shall hold the position of chairman for more than three consecutive terms. Upon the death, disability, resignation, or removal of any member of the Commission, the County Commissioners shall appoint a person representing the same categoric interest to serve for the unexpired term. The Commission has the power to establish and appoint advisory groups and committees to assist in its program of activity, and membership on advisory groups and committees is not restricted solely to members of the Commission.

(d) The Commission shall meet monthly and shall hold special meetings at the call of the chairman or of any three members of the Commission. The Commission shall adopt such rules and regulations as it may deem necessary to govern its procedure and business. [The Commission shall submit to the Board of County Commissioners of Carroll County an annual operating budget for the fiscal year for the approval of the County Commissioners, and the County Commissioners shall provide such funds as they may approve. The Commission is empowered to employ such employees as its business may require within the limits of its appropriation, provided that any newly created position or positions and salary pertinent thereto receive the approval of the County Commissioners.]