



## Agenda Commentary

**Item Title/ Subject:** D.A. Roush Center – Plan

**Staff Source:** City Manager, Steve Hewitt

**Date:** May 17, 2013

**Background/Subject Information:**

The transfer/purchase of the Roush Center to the City of Clinton has been in the works for a number of years. I was contacted by Roush officials multiple times the past 2 years regarding the completion. We have been expecting to buy the facility for approximately \$50,000 (governmental appraisal). New recent appraisal was conducted and its new value is over \$300,000. I have been in multiple conversations with School Superintendent Hime about this. The agreement was to get control the facility and resale to School for educational purposes.

City Council created a Urban Renewal Authority for this particular project which appointed the Local Redevelopment Authority. The LRA was to create a plan of action the facility which was submitted to US Army. At that point, the US Army would decide if that plan met their criteria and would set a plan of action and appraisal price.

Value and sale price increasing to \$300,000 doesn't make it advantageous for the City or School to purchase.

**Recommendation:**

City Council acting as the LRA (Local Redevelopment Authority) should remove themselves from this negotiated sale.

After speaking to the Army representatives, the facility being given to the School through a different process is possible at no cost to the School or City. If the City Council acting as the LRA still believes this is a good facility that the School could utilize (The School Superintendent believes that to be the case), then you should remove the City from the process and we can assist the School in the application.

Staff believes this is a much better use of tax dollars and efforts.

**Price/Cost:** N/A