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**Columbia County
Community Development Block Grant – Economic Development
Minutes - Public Hearing
Thursday, December 9, 2010, 11:45 a.m.**

The hearing was opened to the public at 11:45 a.m.

Present at the meeting were:

John H. Tramburg
Robert R. Westby
Andy Ross
Robert L. Hamele
Mark Witt

Pat Beghin, Emergency Management Dir.
Lois Schepp, Comptroller
Rolf Lang, Controller - AMPC
Cindy Devine

The public hearing for the Community Development Block Grant – Economic Development Program (CDBG-ED) was held in the Columbia County Accounting Office to discuss the following information:

- Basic overview of the CDBG program
- Total funds available
- Types of activities eligible using CDBG funds [Economic Development]
- Activities proposed for the CDBG-ED application/project.
- Potential for residential displacement

Along with discussion of the economic development needs of Columbia County, an overview of the proposed project, which would expand the company's label printing facility, was provided. The \$356,000 CDBG-ED application includes \$350,000 to American Packaging Corp. (AMPC) and \$6,000 payable to Columbia County for administration of the grant. The funds will be utilized by American Packaging Corp. to purchase equipment. If the project proceeds as planned, it could create as many as 47 new positions, besides retaining the current number of employees.

Rolf Lang, AMPC Controller, described the business, noting they produce packaging labels for many familiar grocery product lines, such as Pringles, Lipton, Wrigley, etc.

Public hearing was closed to the public at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Robert L. Hamele, Secretary

Cindy Devine, Recording Secretary