## ORDINANCE NO. 2017-05

## SPENCER COUNTY COUNCIL

## AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SPENCER COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MID-STATES CORRIDOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, Indiana Code Sec. 36-7.6, et. seq., provides for the establishment of regional development authorities by a county and one or more adjacent counties or qualified cities in adjacent counties; and

WHEREAS, local and regional economic development officials have requested that Spencer County, jointly and in conjunction with Dubois County, the City of Huntingburg, and the City of Jasper, participate in the establishment of the Mid-States Corridor Regional Development Authority (the "Authority"); and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code Sec. 36-7.6-2-3(b) requires the fiscal body of a County to adopt an ordinance authorizing the County to participate in the establishment of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, this Council has determined that the purposes of the Authority will benefit and are in the best interests of Spencer County, namely, the Authority's purpose of promoting the acquisition, construction, equipping, owning, leasing, and financing of projects and facilities for lease to or for the benefit of eligible political subdivisions, and the funding and development of (a) airport authority projects, (b) commuter transportation district and other rail projects; (c) regional transportation authority projects and services; (d) economic development projects; (e) intermodal transportation projects; (f) regional trail or greenway projects; (g) regional transportation infrastructure projects under Indiana Code sec. 36-9-43; and (h) any projects that enhance the region with the goal of attracting people or business that are of regional importance; and

WHEREAS, this Council, as the fiscal body of Spencer County, has determined that it is in the best interest of Spencer County to establish and become a member of the Authority as set forth herein, and that such establishment and membership in the Authority will promote economic development and further the well-being of the citizens of Spencer County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that Spencer County is hereby authorized to participate in the establishment of the Mid-States Corridor Regional Development Authority pursuant to Indiana Code Sec. 36-7.6 et. seq.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Commissioners of Spencer County, pursuant to Indiana Code Sec. 36-7.6-2-7, are hereby authorized to enter into a Written Agreement, in substantially the form attached as <u>Exhibit A</u> (with such changes or modifications as may be deemed advisable by such executives), with the executives of Dubois County, the City of Huntingburg, the

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City of Jasper, and any other government entity which may be qualified to join the Authority in accordance with Indiana Code Sec. 36-7.6-2-3 to establish the Authority, and appoint the members of the development board of the Authority.

Duly adopted this 24 day of Ang, 2017.

SPENCER COUNTY COUNCIL

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