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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2015

Members Present:

Jerry Dinges	Marty Crawford
Ken Sharkey	Robert Trentman
Bob Allen	Frank Heiligenstein

Members Excused:

Rick Vernier

Staff Present:

Terry Beach, Director
Janice Kerin, Program Manager
Dorothy Carlisle, Executive Assistant

Others Present:

County Board Member Fred Bach
Charles Lee, Public Building Commission member

Call to Order:

Committee Chairman Sharkey called the Committee to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment Regarding the Agenda:

Mr. Sharkey asked if anyone present had a question or comment regarding the agenda. There were none.

Approval of the January 15, 2015 Committee minutes:

Mr. Sharkey called for action on the February 19, 2015 Committee minutes. Mr. Dinges made the motion to approve the February 19, 2015 minutes which was seconded by Mr. Allen. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business (Director's Report, *information only*):

Mr. Sharkey asked the Director to give his report. Mr. Beach stated there were 13 loans for 10 businesses in the current loan portfolio with a balance due of \$920,326.00. He stated there was \$498,780.00 in the CDBG loan fund and the CSBG loan fund remained frozen by the State (an action affecting every local agency statewide). He stated there were 6 phone inquiries or walk-ins in the prior 30 days.

Mr. Beach updated the Committee on the status of the County's NGA proposal. And he discussed the latest Scott Task Force efforts regarding growing missions at Scott AFB (he represents County Board Chairman Kern as Co-Chair).

He also discussed several new leads/prospects in the pipeline including 2 new leads in the City of Belleville (one was an existing company looking to expand and the other was a Missouri company desiring to relocate to an existing warehouse facility in Belleville). In both instances, he informed Mr. Schauster with the City of Belleville.

Mr. Beach invited Mr. Schauster to meet the existing company wanting to expand (that business has over 30 employees at present and will be adding workers once an expansion can be completed).

Beach briefly discussed the meetings he and staff attended (or coordinated) in the prior 30 days: Mid-America Workforce Investment Board meeting, Fairview Heights TIF Board meetings (2), O'Fallon TIF Board meeting, Veterans Assistance Commission meeting where he spoke, Belleville Chamber of Commerce's Issues & Eggs breakfast meeting, and the Lt. Governor's visit to MidAmerica Airport & Scott AFB.

And he informed the Committee about upcoming visits to MidAmerica Airport & Scott AFB from the senior Congressional staff on March 20th and Governor Rauner and IL DCEO Director on March 30th.

Finally he informed the Committee about Enterprise Zone fees the Economic Development Department generated in the prior 30 days. The Department can charge up to 0.5% of the value of building materials to issue a sales tax exemption certificates on those building materials used in the construction or expansion of industrial/commercial businesses located in one of the two enterprise zones administered locally by the Economic Development Department. Fees/income: \$50,000 money order dated March 23, 2015; \$1,775 money order dated March 18, 2015; and \$225.00 personal check, for a total of \$52,000.00

New Business (Airport Director's Report, *information only*)

Mr. Cantwell was on vacation. Mr. Heiligenstein asked if Mr. Cantwell should have a revised contract. PBC Commissioner stated that he does.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

Additional comments or questions from the Committee or the Public

There were none.

With no other information to discuss Mr. Sharkey asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Crawford made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Dinges. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.