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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2015

Members Present:

Jerry Dinges Frank Heiligenstein
Bob Allen Ken Sharkey
Rick Vernier

Members Excused:

Marty Crawford Robert Trentman

Staff Present:

Terry Beach, Director

Others Present:

Fred Boch, County Board member
Charles Lee, Public Building Commission member
Tim Cantwell, Airport Director

Call to Order:

Committee Chairman Sharkey called the Committee to order at 6:00 p.m. and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 October 15, 2015 Committee minutes:

Mr. Sharkey called for action on the October 15, 2015 Committee minutes. Mr. Dinges made the motion to approve the October 15, 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 gave his monthly update regarding several new leads/prospects. He also provided an update on the EDA funded River Bridge District project; the NGA proposed site efforts that are being coordinated by County Board Chairman Kern.

He also discussed the meetings he and staff attended (or coordinated) in the prior 30 days: ribbon cutting for the Cottages at Cathedral Square, Belleville; various Chamber meetings; Scott Task Force meetings; Midwest Center for Cyber Excellence opening; several annual TIF Board meetings; and, East-West Gateway Council of Governments annual lunch meeting (50th anniversary) chaired by County Board Chairman Kern (the current President of the Council) where the Department received an award for its work on the Scott Task Force (Mr. Beach is co-chair representing Chairman Kern on the Task Force). Mr. Beach also updated the Committee on social media numbers and updates to the Department's presence on the County's website. And he informed the

- Committee that his management of both County agencies (Economic Development and the Grants Department) continued to go smoothly.

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

Tim Cantwell provided the Committee an update on activities and opportunities at MidAmerica Airport. He went into detail regarding the Airport's 2016 Budget and he recapped 2015. He gave them an update on the success of Allegiant at the Airport and mentioned additional Florida communities will be served. There was discussion on these Airport matters.

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. Dinges made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Allen. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.