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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2016

Members Present:

Jerry Dinges Ken Sharkey
Robert Trentman Robert Allen

Members Excused:

Marty Crawford Frank Heiligenstein
Rick Vernier

Staff Present:

Terry Beach, Director
Dorothy Carlisle, Executive Assistant

Others Present:

Mark Kern, County Board Chairman
Fred Boch, County Board Member
Randy Pierce, reporter

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 November 19, 2015 Committee minutes (*action required*):

Mr. Sharkey called for action on the November 19, 2015 Committee minutes. Mr. Dinges made the motion to approve the November 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 gave his monthly update regarding several new leads/prospects. He also informed the Committee that the Department collected enterprise zone fees of \$80,975.88 in 2015. He stated that he had recently collected the first enterprise zone fee of 2016 in the amount \$34,973.00, which was for Phase 2 of the Rec Plex Project in O'Fallon.

He informed the Committee that two new Enterprise Zones were approved in the County: a joint Enterprise Zone including all or parts of Brooklyn, Fairmont City, and Caseyville and a new Enterprise Zone for Fairview Heights. He added that these two new Zones along with the three existing Zones for Belleville, the American Bottoms Enterprise Zone (Sauget, Cahokia, Dupont), and the St. Clair County MidAmerica Enterprise Zone (parts of O'Fallon, Shiloh, Lebanon, Mascoutah, and the Airport) bring the total number of state certified Enterprise

Zones in the County to five. These five Zones cover territory in twelve communities in addition to some unincorporated areas.

He also discussed the meetings he and staff attended (or coordinated) since the last Committee meeting: various NGA site meetings and discussions; additional annual TIF Board meetings throughout the County; he spoke to the Fairview Heights Rotary Club regarding NGA; and attended a Belle-Scott Committee meeting that toured the new Memorial Hospital-East.

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

Tim Cantwell was travelling on airport business. County Board Chairman Mark Kern gave an update on recent airport activities and discussed that Allegiant was already adding a third flight to the Destin/Ft. Walton Beach destination. There was a general discussion regarding the joint use nature of the Airport with our Scott AFB partner. He also gave an NGA update. Chairman Kern also informed the Committee of the recent visit and tour we coordinated for Congresswoman Tammy Duckworth.

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 6:15 p.m.