

# ST. CLAIR COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

### Meeting Minutes

**February 16, 2017**

#### Members Present:

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| Jerry Dinges    | Robert Allen        |
| Rick Vernier    | Ken Sharkey         |
| Robert Trentman | Frank Heiligenstein |

#### Members Excused:

Marty Crawford

#### Staff Present:

Terry Beach, Director

#### Others Present:

Fred Boch, County Board Member  
June Chartrand, County Board Member  
Charles Lee, PBC Commissioner  
Tim Cantwell, Director-MidAmerica Airport  
Rick Stubblefield, County Grants Department  
Bill Schwartz, citizen

#### Call to Order:

Chairman Ken 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 January 19, 2017 Committee Minutes (*action required*):

Mr. Sharkey called for action on the January 19, 2017 Committee minutes. Mr. Dinges made the motion to approve the 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 updated the Committee on department activities in the past thirty days and other on-going projects. He stated there were no updates regarding current or recent past leads and prospects.

He informed the Committee that one enterprise zone fee check in the amount of \$2,000 came in during the past thirty days. He stated the check from American Milling was the first such check received for calendar year 2017 (American Milling is a multi-modal agribusiness on the Cahokia riverfront).

He also mentioned meetings he attended in the past thirty days: Lower Kaskaskia Stakeholders, Inc. monthly lunch meeting (that month in Prairie Du Rocher), he and County Board Chairman Mark Kern met with Gateway Motorsports Park owner Curtis Francois at the track to discuss long range planning, Illinois Senate Transportation Committee public hearing in Belleville (also with Chairman Kern who was on the panel), he and staff gave a presentation to senior IL DCEO managers at the County Building regarding County development opportunities and our efforts to retain and grow jobs/missions at Scott AFB, and a meeting of the Mid-America Workforce Investment Board (MAWIB) which is staffed by the County Grants Department. Mr. Beach also informed the Committee that he had recently served as a Guest Presenter/Instructor to a MPA class at SIU-E.

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

Mr. Sharkey asked Mr. Cantwell to give the MidAmerica Airport update. Mr. Cantwell distributed the airport running report and as usual he discussed the changes in the report from the prior month. He also discussed the County PBC action from earlier in the day including a thirteen slide PowerPoint presentation he distributed to those present. A major item he discussed with the Committee was PBC action to add more parking spaces at the passenger terminal due to need. Several asked if the Airport could charge for parking and that was discussed at length. Mr. Heiligenstein asked if the parking lot expansion project and bids would go to the County Board and Mr. Cantwell responded in the affirmative. Mr. Heiligenstein also asked if the Airport had any recent cargo flights and Mr. Cantwell responded that one such chartered cargo flight will be flying in and out of the Airport on the following Friday. Other slides highlighted the on-going Airport Activity Sheet totals and the consulting contract with Volaire Aviation Consulting, among other items for discussion. A thorough discussion was held.

New Business (Ally/Partner Update, information only):

Mr. Beach reminded the Committee that from time to time he would invite our allies and partners to attend the Committee meeting to brief the Committee members. He invited Rick Stubblefield to make a presentation on the County led efforts and programs in workforce development and readiness. Mr. Sharkey asked Mr. Stubblefield to do so. Mr. Stubblefield gave an overview of the Workforce Development Group which is a part of the County Grants Department. He described the five county workforce development consortium the Grants Department manages on behalf of the counties of St. Clair, Randolph, Monroe, Washington, and Clinton. He discussed services and programs available to both job seekers and employers/businesses.

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. Allen made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Dinges. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.