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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2017

Members Present:

Jerry Dinges	Robert Trentman
Rick Vernier	Frank Heiligenstein
Ken Sharkey	Robert Allen
Marty Crawford	

Members Excused:

(none, all present)

Staff Present:

Terry Beach, Director
Dorothy Carlisle, Executive Assistant

Others Present:

Mark Kern, County Board Chairman
John West, County Board Member
Fred Boch, County Board Member
David Tiedemann, County Board Member
Lonnie Mosley, County Board Member
Herbert Simmons, County EMA/CENCOM 9-11 Director
Charles Lee, PBC Commissioner
Tim Cantwell, Airport Director

Call to Order:

Chairman Sharkey called the Committee to order at 5:00 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 19, 2017 Committee Minutes (action required):

Mr. Sharkey called for action on the October 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. After giving his report, Mr. Heiligenstein made a motion to accept it and place it on file. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vernier. The motion passed. (A copy of his report is attached and is a part of these minutes).

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

Mr. Sharkey asked Mr. Cantwell to give his report. Mr. Cantwell presented his annual summary and briefed the Committee on current and on-going projects and stats at the airport. Some specifics were shared by him regarding the recent St. Louis visit by the Mexican Ambassador to the U.S., the updated passenger count, his on-going year to year report, and related data. He mentioned they have a video showing 600 passengers in the passenger terminal crossing each other arriving and departing. (A copy of his full report is attached to these minutes).

New Business (*action required*):

Mr. Sharkey asked Mr. Beach to present the last item under New Business. Mr. Beach presented a request from McKendree University authorizing the issuance of up to \$8.4 million in 501c3 refunding bonds on behalf of the University. Mr. Beach discussed the process and reminded the Committee that the County assumes no liability in issuing the bonds and that the County's full faith and credit is not involved. Mr. Beach stated the County has issued such private activity bonds (PABs) for the University in the past: \$11.7 million in 1990, \$19 million in 2004, and \$10 million in 2012. Mr. Sharkey called for action on the bond issue. Mr. Allen made the motion to approve the bond issue, which was seconded by Mr. Dinges. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

There was no Old Business to discuss.

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. Heiligenstein made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Dinges. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.