

# ST. CLAIR COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

### Meeting Minutes December 11, 2024

#### Members Present:

Ken Sharkey, Chairman  
Robert Allen  
Marty Crawford  
Robert Trentman  
Rick Vernier

#### Members Excused:

Jerry Dinges, Assistant Chairman  
Matt Smallheer

#### Staff Present:

Rick Stubblefield, Executive Director  
Becky Rose, Executive Assistant

#### Others Present:

May Brown

#### Call to Order:

Chairman Ken Sharkey called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Public Comment Regarding the Agenda:

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

#### Approval of November 13, 2024, Committee Minutes (action required):

Chairman Sharkey called for action on the November 13, 2024, Committee minutes. Mr. Allen made the motion to approve the minutes which were seconded by Mr. Crawford. The motion passed unanimously.

#### New Business (Director's Report):

Mr. Rick Stubblefield stated that non-stop flights to Las Vegas will resume in February.

Mr. Stubblefield stated that he has been attending several Tax Increment Financing Review Board Meetings recently. It appears that a number of TIFs will be sunseting in the next couple of years.

Mr. Stubblefield stated that he has been working with an entity that is interested in providing Base housing. They need to be working with a government housing entity to be able to do this so he will be connecting them to the St. Clair County Housing Authority.

Mr. Stubblefield stated that staff and the Core of Engineers have been working on scoring 6 applications for the Disaster Recovery grant. They are getting ready to release flood infrastructure projects.

Mr. Stubblefield stated that they have received the bids for the SAVE site and they came in much higher than anticipated. They are working to try and adjust the scope of work for the project. Mr. Sharkey asked if people were currently living in the residence. Mr. Stubblefield responded that the residence is currently vacant. They are hoping to rehab to make residence for homeless, domestic violence victims, disabled workers and to keep the day center open.

Mr. Stubblefield stated that the projects he has been referring to over the last few months have been moving forward. He is hopeful that he will have an announcement soon.

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the Director's report and Mr. Vernier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There were no further comments or questions.

New Business (MidAmerica Airport Director's Report):

Mr. Darren James was not in attendance due to conflict.

New Business (Military Affairs Director Comments):

Ms. Kimberly Huth was not in attendance due to conflict.

Other Comments:

Adjournment:

Chairman Sharkey asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Allen so moved, and it was seconded by Mr. Trentman. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously and the Committee adjourned at 5:16 p.m.