

Montgomery County Board

Economic Development Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 6th, 2013

Time: 7:00 PM – County Board Room

Members Present: Chairman Heather Hampton+Knodle, Megan Beeler, Nikki Bishop, Ron Deabenderfer, Jay Martin, Dave Ronen and County Board Vice Chairman Mary Bathurst

Members Absent: Board Chairman Roy Hertel

Others Present: Sandy Leitheiser, Bill Purcell

The Committee met today to discuss the following:

1. Update/Approval County Website:

- **Bill Purcell to Show Changes Made:** Bill Purcell gave an update on the changes to the County website that was just made live on the internet. After reviewing a few of the pages, some minor adjustments will be made. Purcell will check the rubric for our scores on how the County Website is graded. The Committee discussed whether or not to put the County Board member's email addresses on the website. Purcell stated that these emails would be opened up to a lot of spam. Purcell will look for searchable software and report on the prices next month.
- **Assess Input from County Website Survey to Determine Next Steps:** Heather Hampton+Knodle reported good response rate and input from departments. She will compile and work with Bill and the offices to update the site.

2. Update/Approval MCEDC:

- **Annual Meeting at Church St. Pub:** Will be held on Tuesday, March 26th, 2013. Networking will begin at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the Meeting will start at 7:00 pm. There is a \$15 fee that will be collected at the door. This is not a paid meeting or mileage.
- **Update of Annual Meeting Logistics, 2013 Priorities:** Per Ron Deabenderfer, priorities document will be presented at the general membership meeting on March 26th.
- **Appointment of David Ronen as the County Representative to the MCEDC:** Deabenderfer shared his intent to resign from the MCEDC board as his chairmanship ends at the annual meeting. The committee discussed the appointment of David Ronen to serve on the MCEDC. **Motion by Jay Martin, second by Nikki Bishop to Recommend the Appointment of David Ronen to the MCEDC. All in favor, motion carried.**
- **Next Regular MCEDC meeting date:** Tuesday, April 2nd at 4:15 p.m.

3. Update/Approval County Survey to ask employees how to cut expenses or increase revenues:

Megan Beeler has checked with different options for someone outside the county to work on this survey. They would write, administer, collect and compile the information so it would be anonymous. They couldn't start until May and it would be complete by July. Committee expressed the desire for the survey to be completed by June 30th. Megan will bring additional information regarding the survey to the April meeting.

4. Update/Approval Planning Commission Update: Next Comprehensive Planning meeting is Wednesday, March 20th at 5:00 p.m. in the Annex building. The committee discussed the

Planning Commissioner terms and when their terms would expire. There are five members that need to be re-appointed at this time. Terms are expiring for Ruben Boehler, Ed Banovic, Tobin Ott, Kris Reynolds and Bill Schroeder. **Motion by Megan Beeler, second by Nikki Bishop to Approve and Recommend the Reappointment of 5 Candidates to the Planning Commission. All in favor, motion carried.** Committee also discussed that Citizen Members must live in the County; however Ex-Officio Members are not required to live in the County. Heather Hampton+Knodle reported that Assistant State's Attorney Betsy Wilson is also interested in attending future Comprehensive Planning meetings and checking for approval from the State's Attorney. County Clerk Leitheiser shared the Resolution and Bylaws for the Planning Commission.

5. **Update/Approval Shop Local Resolutions Report:** Heather Hampton+Knodle will email the resolutions to County Board Administrator Chris Daniels and they will be forwarded to the other committee members.
6. **Update/Approval State Legislative Priorities Report:** Heather Hampton+Knodle will forward this information through email to Daniels and the committee.
7. **Update/Approval Grant Funds:** Committee reviewed a report from Mike Cavanaugh of West Central Development Council on the Summary of grants that have been awarded to Montgomery County from 1983 to present. These have been water and sewer infrastructure type grants.
8. **Update/Approval Possible Closed Session to discuss Potential Business:** The committee discussed a request from a potential business that is looking in the Enterprise Zone. Committee expressed interest in learning what tools or incentives, in addition to the Enterprise Zone and Revolving Loan Fund, they could legally develop to assist in recruiting businesses to the County. There are no further updates at this time. Heather Hampton+Knodle and Nikki Bishop will work on a response.
9. **April Agenda Items:**
 - Arches Trail – Mark Joy will be here to speak with the committee.
 - Fayco – Wants to work with local entities.

Motion by Nikki Bishop, second by David Ronen to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Reconvened the meeting at 8:56 pm to pay the invoice.

Motion by Ron Deabenderfer, second by Megan Beeler to pay the bills. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by David Ronen, second by Jay Martin to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM. Minutes respectfully submitted by acting secretary Christine Daniels as Deputized by the Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder, Sandy Leitheiser.

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