

Montgomery County Board

Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, May 29th, 2013 **Time: 7:00 PM – Historic Courthouse Conference Room**

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

Members Absent: Nikki Bishop

Others Present: Sandy Leitheiser

The Committee met today to discuss the following:

1. **Update/Approval County Website:** Hampton+Knodle reported that she will be meeting with Bill Purcell to more closely review the feedback to determine what he can complete and what his opinions are on the remaining input.
2. **Update/Approval MCEDC:** David Ronen stated that Executive Director Erika Kennett gave her notice today to accept a full time position in Collinsville. The MCEDC Board will be meeting to discuss how to fill the position. The current position is 20 hours per week. The MCEDC Board will re-write the job description. Ronen stated that this person should be from this County and asked if anyone had any input to get back to him. Ronen also stated that there has been an overwhelming response for committee structure within the MCEDC. The next MCEDC meeting is Thursday, July 11 at 4:15 p.m. Hampton+Knodle stated that the U of I Extension has hired a new Economic Development Educator who should start the first week of June. This new employee will be able to help with the administrative work for the Planning Commission.
3. **Update/Approval County Employee Survey to ask How to Cut Expenses and or Increase Revenues:** Megan Beeler reported that some employee survey responses have been received and reminded everyone that the surveys need to be completed by June 7th. A reminder will go with paychecks on Thursday. Chris Daniels will also send out an email reminding County Board Members.
4. **Update/Approval Planning Commission Update:** The next meeting will still need to be scheduled once Erika Kennett gets back to us with a date that she can meet.
5. **Update/Approval Clean Line Energy:** Roy and Heather met with a couple of representatives from Clean Line Energy regarding the proposed high voltage transmission line project that may go through the northern part of the County. They asked for a list of county businesses that may be interested in signing up on their vendor list for concrete work, electrical etc. Heather has drafted a memo that will be mailed to these businesses. A copy of the agreement has been sent to Assistant States Attorney Betsy Wilson to review.
6. **Update/Approval Workforce Investment Board:** Committee chairman Hampton+Knodle reported that she and Board Chairman Hertel worked with West Central Development on the issue with appointee Ken Nimmons being a voting member on the Workforce Investment Board. Issues with the criteria have been worked out by West Central Development and Hampton+Knodle reported that Ken Nimmons will be a voting member.

7. **Update/Approval Enterprise Zone:** Committee Chairman Hampton+Knodle mentioned the business in Farmersville that added 10 employees, but the enterprise zone had not been extended ahead of time. At the Coordinating committee meeting, Gasparich asked for Enterprise Zone committee minutes to be checked to verify what he recalled as the decision supporting the extension of the zone to Farmersville. Meeting with the Enterprise Zone Mayors is schedule for Wednesday, July 3 at 6:00 p.m. Maps for each of the participating municipalities are been created by Mary Purcell. Chris Daniels also updated the committee on additional proposed legislation amendments to the State's Enterprise Zone Act.
8. **Update/Approval Mayors Welcome Packet:** The committee discuss putting together a welcome packet for the mayors that would include information on Nuisance Ordinances, Animal control information, municipal contact information and information of other county services. Sandy Leitheiser and Chris Daniels will get some county materials ready and bring to the next economic development committee meeting to review.
9. **Update/Approval FY 2014 Budget:** Heather Hampton+Knodle stated that she had received a budget for Economic Development. The committee will need to discuss what to put in the budget for the MCEDC membership dues and bike trail maintenance. Hampton+Knodle will meet with Chris Daniels in June, after feedback from the MCEDC, and will also look at reports from the Treasurer's office of past budgets and actual expenses.
10. **Update/Approval T.I.F.:** The Committee reviewed several reports for the Tax Increment Financing districts in Litchfield and Farmersville. The reports were from the Devnet Program in the County Clerk's Office. The committee was able to see how much TIF money is not going to the taxing bodies such as the school districts for a 23 year period. The committee also reviewed TIF district maps for Litchfield, Farmersville and Pinnacle Point in Hillsboro. The Pinnacle Point TIF has since expired. The Committee discussed that the City of Hillsboro is currently in the process of implementing a new TIF district. The school districts are supposed to get their tax money from the General State Aide for the parcels in the Enterprise Zones and TIF districts.
11. **Other Business:** Dave Ronen reported that the DCEO Weatherization grant has been cut from \$500,000 to \$250,000 and will be administered by Lincoln Land Community College.
12. **July Agenda Items:** FY 2014 Budget discussion and enterprise zone.

No Bills this month.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM. Minutes respectfully submitted by acting secretary Christine Daniels as Deputized by the Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder, Sandy Leitheiser.