

Montgomery County Board

Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, April 2nd, 2014

Time: 8:00 PM – County Board Room

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

Members Absent: Nikki Bishop

Others Present: Sandy Leitheiser and Jeremy Jones

The Committee met today to discuss the following:

1. **Update/Approval Quarterly Mayors Meeting:** The quarterly mayors meeting was held just before this meeting at 5:30 p.m. Eleven mayors and several other attended the meeting.
2. **Update/Approval MCEDC:** The committee reviewed the revolving loan fund payment reports. Both clients have made payments.
3. **Update/Approval Central Illinois Economic Development Authority:** Heather Hampton+Knodle reported that CIEDA voted on March 18th to approve a \$7.5 million dollar bond for a development in Sangamon County.
4. **Update/Approval Planning Commission:** The committee discussed the need to have a board member as a liaison to the Housing Board. Kelly Moroney was contacted and stated that the housing board doesn't require a county board members to come to their meetings and that she will come to the Planning Commission Meetings.
5. **Update/Approval Planning Commission New Appointment:** Heather Hampton+Knodle reported that she has asked Toni McDonough if she is interested in serving on the Planning Commission and asked Assistant States Attorney Betsy Wilson if this is OK. McDonough will advise Hampton+Knodle at the end of April.
6. **Update/Approval Revolving Loan Fund Report:** Committee reviewed the reports and payments from the two clients. Payments are coming in OK
7. **Update/Approval Revolving Loan Fund Policy & Procedure Manual Changes:** Heather Hampton+Knodle stated that she is working with Assistant States Attorney Betsy Wilson on a couple of language changes on the revolving loan fund policy and procedure manual and will present the revised policy at the May committee meeting.
8. **Update/Approval Adoption of 2014 Legislative Priorities and Input:** Committee reviewed the revised list of State and Federal legislative priorities affecting the County. The committee discussed their recommendation that the county submit a support letter with the list of priorities. **Motion by Ron D and second by Megan Beeler to recommend the approval of sending support letters for the 2014 Legislative and Regulatory Priorities list. All in favor, motion carried.**
9. **Update/Approval Economic Development Fund/Developing Guidelines for Long-Term Improvement Fund:** Board members need to complete their surveys for the Economic

Development committee. Heather Hampton+Knodle has received several responses that she is compiling for the committee to review. The committee discussed different ideas to divide out the coal revenue. This will be an issue that will need to be discussed annually as needs change.

10. **Update/Approval Memo of Understanding for Grain Belt Transmission:** Committee chairman Hampton+Knodle asked committee members to review and make comments at the next meeting.
11. **Update/Approval Marketing County Property for Potential Development:** Heather Hampton+Knodle stated that the committee should seek a resolution from the full board related to marketing county property for potential development. The committee will review maps of county owned property that were supplied by GIS.
12. **Update/Approval Other Business:** Committee also discussed in the future to run a 12” water line down Route 16 between Litchfield and Hillsboro along with fiber optics.

There were no bills this month for the committee to approve.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM. Minutes respectfully submitted by acting secretary Christine Daniels as Deputized by the Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder, Sandy Leitheiser.