

Executive/Economic Development Meeting  
Logan County Safety Complex  
March 11, 2013

Present: David Hepler-Chairman; Bob Farmer; Rick Aylesworth; Bill Martin; Gene Rohlfs; Chuck Ruben

Absent:

Guests: Jan Schumacher; Andy Anderson; Brian Bergen; Vic Martinek

Mr. Hepler called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Farmer, seconded by Mr. Rohlfs, to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2013 meeting as printed. Motion passed.

#### Old Business

- 1) Board policy revisions: The most recent draft of this document was provided for all Board members for review and feedback. **A motion was made by Mr. Ruben, seconded by Mr. Rohlfs to approve the draft as revised below. Motion passed.** Mrs. Schumacher requested minor format changes on page 4. She also questioned whether the Vice Chairman should be able to make appointments in the Chairman's absence. Consideration was given to changing the language regarding appointments made by the Chairman. The committee also discussed the inclusion of committee responsibilities in the Board policies. The topic of expenditures approved in committee was also discussed. Mr. Anderson was concerned with the ability of a committee to spend up to \$30,000 with only committee approval. This item was requested by the County Engineer because many of their contracts are over \$20,000 and that limit could cause delays in awarding contracts. The committee agreed to limit committee approval to \$20,000 with an increase to \$30,000 for Road and Bridge committee. Any expenditures over \$2,500 that are approved in committee must be reported to the full Board. Mr. Anderson also expressed concerns about limitations of Board member access to the State's Attorney. The current draft indicates any member must have the authorization of a committee chairman to request an opinion from the State's Attorney. Mrs. Schumacher explained this was suggested since the committee may also have requested the same opinion and that member may be unaware. His final concern involved committee assignments. He recommended policy require one member of each district be assigned to each of the six major committees in an effort to more equally represent county citizens. Mr. Hepler expressed concern about eliminating straw voting at the workshop session. Mr. Ruben explained that the votes are not official, members can change their vote before the official vote and it confuses the general public. Mr. Martin was reassured that discussion would still be allowed at the workshop session.
- 2) CEDS: Nothing to report.
- 3) Master plan implementation: There was no update at this time.
- 4) Incubator status: Mr. Bergen indicated this has made great strides in the last few weeks. They are working with Hopedale to establish a wellness center in Atlanta. This could include dental or physician services, as well as nutritionists or physical therapists. They have also been working with Integrity Data on a technology incubator.

#### New Business

- 1) Workforce demographics: Mr. Bergen reported there is a Manufacturer's Council scheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup> at Lincoln Christian University. The event will be held from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. This is an attempt to build a partnership between industry and education to assist youth forming their careers. There will be a panel discussion to show how these efforts have worked in other communities and the group hopes to make this a state initiative. Mr. Rohlfs agreed that, historically, cooperative programs were a good thing for area youth. Mrs. Schumacher requested these efforts be done in conjunction with the Workforce Investment Board. Mr. Bergen indicated they would attempt to prepare some statistics on the skill sets possessed by workers within Logan County.

A motion was made by Mr. Aylesworth, seconded by Mr. Rohlfs, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting ended at 8:14 pm.