

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Special Development & Planning (D&P)
CHAIRPERSON: Ron Smith, Chairman
DATE/TIME: July 10, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brandon Behlke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rick Dittmar 6:02 pm
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Heuerman 6:37 pm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve McIntyre	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Schultz
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RJ Winkelhake		

A quorum was established.

Other Board members: None

Others: Lisa McCarthy and Dan Reimer

1. **Citizens' Comments**
2. **Unfinished Business**
3. **New Business**

- a) Discussion and possible action on a Regional Economic Development Cooperation Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Ron Smith discussed that Lisa Mc Carthy has been working with Economic Development Directors in Wisconsin on an a resolution or memorandum of understanding (MOU) to work together on economic development opportunities in the region. McCarthy added that it was going to take a while for the other two counties Grant County and Lafayette County to move the agreement thru their respective approval process, they are working on it. McCarthy explained that the agreement is modeled after a memorandum of understanding that has been in place for several years in the Quad Cities. The Quad Cities were having issues with realtors and business people moving not very far across the bridge for better economic incentives. They decided that it would be a better use of funds to save that money to attract new businesses and work together than to move businesses across the bridge. They created this memorandum between the four cities, government officials signed off on it and the economic developer signed off on it. The agreement states that local governments and private/nonprofit economic development organizations, within the Bi-State region will work together to promote and facilitate economic development. When a local government or private/nonprofit economic development organization is contacted by a business that currently has facilities elsewhere in the Bi-State region and the business intends to vacate or downsize its current facilities as part of a move within the Bi-State region, the contacted local government is obligated to inform the government that currently houses the business of the proposed relocation. This contact may be made directly between the two governments. Alternately, the involved business may make the contact and provide a letter documenting their conversation with the local government in which they are currently located. **Brandon Behlke made a motion to recommend approval of a Regional Economic Development Cooperation Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among Jo Daviess County, Illinois, Grant County and Lafayette County, Wisconsin. Seconded by John Schultz and motion passed.**
- b) Discussion and possible action on use of the Economic Development and Investment Fund for purchaser/investment in an economic development project in Jo Daviess County
– None.

4. **Citizens' Comments** – None

Brandon Behlke made a motion to enter into closed session at 6:12 p.m. for the purpose of Purchase/lease property section 2(c)5 "The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired." Topic of discussion: Purchase/Investment of Property in Hanover, Illinois. Seconded by John Schultz and motion carried.

At 6:42 p.m. Brandon Behlke made a motion to reconvene to open session. Seconded by John Schultz and motion carried, A roll call vote followed resulting in all ayes.

5. Closed Session

A. Purchase/lease property section 2(c)5

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6. Possible action as a result of closed session items – None.

The next Development & Planning Committee meeting will be Tuesday, July 24, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m. following a motion made by Brandon Behlke and seconded by Bob Heuerman, motion carried.