MADISON COUNTY GRANTS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
September 10, 2018 4:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Clint Jones, Erica Harriss, Judy Kuhn, Bruce Malone, Chrissy Dutton, Ann Gorman, Gussie Glasper, Liz Dalton

ABSENT: James Futrell

OTHERS: Trudy Bodenbach, Nadine Pfeiffer, Chairman Prenzler, Cynthia Ellis, Tony Fuhrmann, Lisa Ciampoli, Joe Bolt, Sam Borders, Robert Pollard, John Nations, Sanford Scmidt, Todd Kennedy, Randy Nelson, Mayor Joe Silkwood, Jim Alexander, Tabitha Sarris, Cathi Gitchoff, David Goodrich

After C. Jones finished roll call, he asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Helen Hawkins who passed away. Helen was a long time member of the Grants Committee.

Clint Jones asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 6, 2018 Grants Committee Meeting. Motion to approve was made by B. Malone, second by A. Gorman.
Motion approved unanimously.

Clint Jones asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 16, 2018 Special Grants Committee meeting. Motion to approve was made by L. Dalton, second by G. Glasper.
Motion approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None

NEW BUSINESS

BILLS and PURCHASES REQUESTS APPROVAL
C. Jones asked for a motion to approve the Bills and Purchases. Motion to approve was made by L. Dalton, second by A. Gorman.
Motion approved unanimously.

Clint Jones presented a Resolution Authorizing the Submission of the 2019 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Grant Application for the County of Madison, Illinois.
Motion to approve was made by G. Glasper, second by A. Gorman.
Motion approved unanimously.

Clint Jones presented a Resolution Authorizing a UDAG Low Interest Loan to the Village of East Alton.

Mayor Joe Silkwood addressed the Committee in regards to this Resolution to help rehab the East Gate plaza. He stated that he is very happy with local ownership and there is much interest now from many stores who would like to rent space. Also in attendance was Mr. Todd Kennedy, the owner of East Gate plaza. He informed the Committee of several stores already have leases or letters of intent for space in the Plaza. He also stated that it could possibly bring 200 – 500 new jobs. County Board member Robert Pollard was in attendance to ask for support for this Resolution since it is in his district.

Motion to approve was made by A. Gorman, second by C. Dutton
Motion approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Jim Alexander, from the St. Louis Regional Chamber started by thanking the committee for their support in the past. He stated that the Chamber is a regional economic development organization focused on bringing new companies and new jobs to the St. Louis region. They are helping businesses of all kinds that are already in the region to grow and prosper. They are focused on marketing the St. Louis Region nationally and internationally. He stated that they currently have 88 projects currently in their pipeline due to very proactive targeting and marketing done by the Chamber members.
L. Ciampoli asked Mr. Alexander how does the Chamber figure the fees or if they have different fees for specific services for certain areas. Mr. Alexander stated that the investors invest in the St. Louis Chamber to do regional economic development. They look at the fees as prepaid consulting hours. Mr. Alexander assured the Committee that no matter what the amount of support dollars comes from Madison County, that he will work just as hard for Madison County as the other supporters.

The Committee then discussed whether or not they could change the amount of the Resolution that had already passed at last month's meeting with the amount at $10,000.00 to make it $30,000.00.

Chairman Prenzler then addressed the Committee and stated that he felt it would be appropriate for the Committee to revise the Resolution back to the original amount of $30,000.00 and informed the Committee that the money is available in the County budget.

C. Jones asked the Committee if they wanted to make an amended resolution to amend the Resolution regarding the cost from $10,000.00 back to the original amount of $30,000.00 to the St, Louis Regional Chamber.

C. Jones asked Mr. Nations if he would like to speak to the Committee. Mr. John Nations, President & CEO of Bi-State Development, talked to the Committee about the importance of supporting the St. Louis Regional Chamber. Organizations such as the St. Louis Regional Chamber, the Southwestern Illinois Leadership Council and the Central Port District work together to market the St. Louis Region. He stated that these

partnerships between these organizations are extremely critical to advance our region and to advance our economy.
Ann Gorman then asked the other Committee members if maybe the Committee made a decision in a vacuum to cut the amount of support to the St. Louis Regional Chamber from $30,000.00 to $10,000.00. B. Malone then answered A. Gorman that she was the one who made the motion to change the amount on the Resolution last month and A. Gorman agreed. A. Gorman stated that she is willing to bring it up that maybe they didn't have all of the factors and E. Harriss agreed. They stated that they feel the decision was based on looking at the spread sheets and charts and not considering the whole picture that Mr. Alexander and Mr. Nations had just brought to their attention. A. Gorman stated she appreciates Mr. Alexander and Mr. Nations in helping them look at the whole picture and she also respects the Chairman's consideration on budgets if this is something that the County already had in the budget. She also stated that if a motion is made, and the Resolution gets passed for $30,000.00, that maybe next year we can change it with a little more information.

C. Jones again asked for a motion to approve a $30,000.00 commitment to the St. Louis Regional Chamber for this year. A motion was made by L. Dalton, second by A. Gorman
Motion approved unanimously to approve amended resolution.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Tony Fuhrmann form Employment and Training stated that they are working with the Master Marketing Research Program at SIUE to do surveys for them and St. Clair County to get general knowledge of what people know about the workforce programs in this area. They have the new vehicle, but can't drive it until they get the check from the Auditor's office to pay for the license plates.

Trudy let the Committee know about the upcoming Madison County Community and Economic Development Strategy Workshop that MCCD is hosting on September 11 and 12. She will update the Committee at the next meeting on the results of the Workshop.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to adjourn was made by J. Kuhn, second by E. Harriss
Motion approved unanimously.

Next meeting Date: Monday, October 1, 2018 at 4:00 pm.