

**MADISON COUNTY GRANTS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
July 8, 2019 4:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: David Michael, Clint Jones, Liz Dalton, Eric Foster, Gussie Glasper
Bruce Malone, Judy Kuhn, Victor Valentine Jr.

ABSENT: Erica Harriss

OTHERS: Chairman Kurt Prenzler, Trudy Bodenbach, Sharon Trettenero, David Goodrich, Nadine Pfeiffer, James Arnold, Sam Borders, Scott Cousins, Tony Fuhrmann, Cynthia Ellis, Chrissy Dutton, Tom McRae, Dennis Wilmsmeyer, Kelly Orban, Adam Kazda, Tracy Kennett, Mayor Jim Hickerson, Mayor Alan Winslow, Mr. Dan Barnard

David Michael asked to approve the minutes from the June 8th, 2019 Special Grants Committee Meeting and the June 10, 2019 regular Grants Committee Meeting. The Grants Committee unanimously accepted both of the minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dennis Wilmsmeyer, Kelly Orban, and Adam Kazda were present and briefed the Committee on what the Leadership Council of Southwest Illinois and the St. Louis Regional Chamber have been working on and each of them had handouts with their information.

NEW BUSINESS

BILLS and PURCHASES REQUESTS APPROVAL and RESOLUTIONS

David Michael asked for a motion to approve the Bills and Purchase Request report. Motion to approve was made by G. Glasper, second by L. Dalton
Motion approved unanimously.

David Michael presented a Resolution Authorizing Solar Park Grants. Motion to approve was made by L. Dalton, second by V. Valentine Jr.
Motion approved unanimously.

David Michael presented a Resolution Authorizing HOME Program Funds to Phoenix Real Estate Services for the Development of Edwardsville Senior Living. Motion to approve made by B. Malone, second by E. Foster
Motion approved unanimously.

David Michael presented a Purchase Request for Madison County Community Development Weatherization Department for Replacement New Year 2019 Traverse Trade in of (3) 2009 F-150 Pick-Up Trucks.

Motion to approve was made by E. Foster, second by G. Glasper
Motion approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION

Per Chairman Michael's request, discussion was held on expanding enterprise zones, how the zones get expanded, and pros and cons to expanding.

James Arnold gave a detailed history and background on Enterprise Zones that started in the 1980's. There are currently (4) four in Madison County and they are called Riverbend Enterprise Zone, Southwest Enterprise Zone, Gateway Commerce Zone, and the most recent one is the Discovery Zone.

When the zones are formed, management committees are created so every municipality/city is represented and has a position on the management committee, including Madison County. Management committee designates a zone administrator, which has always been Madison County Community Development, and is written into the Ordinances and has been for the past 40 years.

After the management committee meets and decides to move the ordinance expansion request forward, it then goes to an actual formal public hearing that gets court recorded with a legal posting. After the public hearing, the ordinance expansion request then goes back to the cities for each City council and Madison County for approval.

Chairman Michael asked J. Arnold if Madison County is always last to approve the ordinance request for expansion of enterprise zones.

J. Arnold stated that Madison County is always last to decide because they want to make sure that all of the cities involved are in agreement with the ordinance to expand the enterprise zone first. Otherwise, there would be no need for the ordinance to be approved if all of the municipalities were not in agreement. After Madison County and all management committees approve an ordinance for expansion, it then gets submitted, through a formal application to (DCEO), Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for the last and FINAL approval.

J. Arnold mentioned that there are several tax exemptions available for businesses (who meet the qualifications) that want to build in the enterprise zones. The Chairman Michael asked if there aren't any cons to expanding enterprise zones, then why not just expand them and not even vote on the expansion. J. Arnold explained the municipalities try to take care of each other and not do expansions where one city would be taking business away from another.

David Michael stated that a Resolution for the E-zone expansion would be presented at the August Grants meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Tony Fuhrmann from Employment and Training was present to give the administrative report for Employment and Training. He handed out the new flier that lists all of the Southwestern Illinois workNet Center locations located in Madison County, Bond County and Jersey/Calhoun County.

He also had 2 charts showing the Employment by Industry for the 8 county IL section of the St. Louis MSA and total Non-Farm Employment for Madison County.

Trudy Bodenbach gave each Committee member a typed hand out of her monthly report. B. Malone asked if Trudy had information regarding why the Carpenter's contract is still under negotiations. She stated it was due to certain language the labor attorney said needed to be updated in the contract and hopeful that it will be finished by the end of July.

OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to adjourn was made by C. Jones, second by J. Kuhn

Motion approved unanimously.

Next meeting Date: Monday, August 12, 2019 at 4:00 pm.