MADISON COUNTY GRANTS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
August 12, 2019 4:00 P.M.

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

ABSENT:

OTHERS: Trudy Bodenbach, Lisa Mersinger, Nadine Pfeiffer, James Arnold, Mary Castillo, Scott Cousins, Tony Fuhrmann, Cynthia Ellis, Dennis Wilmsmeyer, Kelly Orban, Mayor Alan Winslow, Mayor Cheryl Maguire

David Michael asked to approve the minutes from the July 8th, 2019 Grants Committee Meeting. The Grants Committee unanimously accepted the minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Dennis Wilmsmeyer and Kelly Orban 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 Mr. Wilmsmeyer had a handout 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 B. Malone, second by E. Foster
Motion approved unanimously.

David Michael presented a Purchase Request for Community Development for Two (2) Ricoh MPC5503 Copiers for $7,896.00. Motion to approve was made by E. Harriss, second by G. Glasper.
Motion approved unanimously.

David Michael presented a Purchase Request for Community Development for Six (6) Lenovo Thinkcentre M720t Desk Top Computers and for Two (2) Lenovo Thinkcentre M720s Desktop Computers.
Motion to approve made by E. Harriss, second by G. Glasper
Motion approved unanimously.

David Michael presented an Ordinance Amending Ordinance Number 2014-11 to Add Territory in and Around The Village of Bethalto to the Riverbend Enterprise Zone.
Motion to approve was made by: L. Dalton, second by C. Jones
Motion approved unanimously.

David Michael presented a Resolution Authorizing the Submission of the 2019 HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Housing First Grant in the County of Madison, IL.
Motion to approve was made by E. Foster, second by G. Glasper.
Motion approved unanimously.

David Michael presented a Resolution Authorizing the Submission of the 2019 HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Planning Grant in the County of Madison, IL.
Motion to approve was made by E. Foster, second by G. Glasper.
Motion approved unanimously.

David Michael presented a Resolution Authorizing the Submission of the 2019 HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Application for the Madison County Partnership to End Homelessness in the County of Madison, IL.
Motion to approve was made by E. Foster, second by G. Glasper.
Motion approved unanimously.

Lisa Mersinger presented to the Committee the FY 2019 DRAFT Annual Action Plan and informed them that it will be getting submitted on Tuesday, August 13, 2019.

DISCUSSION

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT
Tony Fuhrmann from Employment and Training was present to give the administrative report for Employment and Training. He stated that he met with the new ROE Rob Werden a couple of weeks ago and Mr. Werden wants to push forward Bob Daiber's mentorship program and Tony said that he could help him connect him with the local chambers to maybe get some mentors. Dr. Daiber served on the workforce Board for a number of years and Mr. Werden will be taking Dr. Daiber's place on the Workforce board.

Kaleb Smith is the new CTE Director from the Quincy area and will be taking Mr. Werden's place on their Youth Committee.

Tony stated that there was an article in The Intelligencer and The Telegraph reporting that Anthony Smith will be the new Principal of Career For Education Opportunities in Troy. Mr. Smith will be working with students who are seniors that only have to take a few classes, but have to be there all day. Looking at the possibility of creating some work experience slots for those students on site such as facilities work and get paid.

He also stated that the Laborers Union has started a program with 4 area High Schools. The kids will be going to a training center for 2 hours a day taking a number of classes the laborers offer to their apprentices. The classes will also earn the students dual credit if they go through their junior and senior years. The students could earn 24-30 college credits along with being three quarters of the way done with the classes they would need to be an apprentice with the Laborers.

Tony then let the Committee know that the first event since the collaboration of Bond & Jersey counties happened in Jersey County that morning. It was a roundtable discussion about the shortage of truck drivers. Panel included Congressman Davis, Mary Lamie from the St. Louis Freightway, Tim Carr who is the person spearheading the project in Jerseyville for the development for Kansas City Southern railroad, along with various trucking companies and other stake holders.

Tony gave the Committee a handout with information regarding the Jobs Plus '19 Regional Job Fair to be held Thursday, September 19, 2019 from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon at the Gateway Convention Center, #1 Gateway Drive, Collinsville, IL 62234.

Another event they are having will take place on Friday, September 27, 2019. The Land of Lincoln Legal Aid already comes to their office every other Wednesday meeting with the people to help them expunge their records to make them more employable. On Friday, September 27, they are having an expungement event with a number of lawyers to help people expunge records to help make them employable. This will take place at the Illinois Employment & Training office in Wood River from 10:00am – 3:00 pm.

Tony then discussed the handout he had given to the Committee with the results of their Program year 2018.

Trudy Bodenbach gave each Committee member updated packet with all of the latest economic development activities and the updated brochure with all the LIHEAP, CSBG, and Weatherization programs eligibility requirements and phone numbers to call to apply. Weatherization Carpenter's contract is signed and it is a 3 year contract.

Lisa Mersinger then handed out to the Committee, the Community Needs Survey and asked the Committee to complete the survey if they hadn't already done so online. She also asked the Committee members to send it out to anyone they want, such as friends and family. Lisa also let the Committee know that she had emailed this survey to County Board Members, Mayors, Townships, and anyone she could.

OLD BUSINESS
None

ADJOURNMENT
A Motion to adjourn was made by J. Kuhn, second by E. Foster
Motion approved unanimously.
Next meeting Date: Monday, September 9, 2019 at 4:00 pm.