

Executive/Economic Development Meeting
Logan County Safety Complex
November 19, 2012

Present: David Hepler-Chairman; Bob Farmer; Rick Aylesworth; Terry Carlton; Chuck Ruben; Gene Rohlfs

Absent:

Guests: Jan Schumacher; Will D'Andrea; Jan Youngquist; Bill Martin; Doug Muck

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 September 17, 2012 meeting as printed. Motion passed.

Old Business

- 1) Quarry project/rezoning: Mr. Hepler reported the Economic Development Partnership has provided a letter of support for the rezoning petition.
- 2) Master plan implementation: No action on this item at this time.
- 3) Incubator status: Mr. Bergen is currently attempting to familiarize himself with this program. Mr. Martin indicated this will be a priority. There were several responses to their request for proposal and two of those responses were feasible. None have been selected at this time, but action is anticipated quickly. There is cooperation with Western Illinois University to write a grant to attempt to secure additional grant funding.
- 4) Wind Farm status: Mr. Hepler reported that information from Mr. Komperda indicates pre-construction would be in late 2013 and the permit phase would precede that.

New Business

- 1) Committee composition: There has been previous discussion regarding how committees are formed. Ms. Litterly polled other Illinois counties and responses indicated they operate similarly to Logan County. Committee appointments are made by the Chairman with the advice and consent of the Board, not by district. Mr. Carlton pointed out that assignments by district would exclude representation by the other member from the Chairman's district since the Chairman is allowed representation on every committee. The committee did not express a desire to alter this process or change the structure of any existing committees.
- 2) Environmental Health collaboration: Mr. Carlton discussed the recent situation at Regions Bank involving a chili cook-off which was prohibited. Mr. Carlton questioned whether that event was truly a "public food service event". He also wondered what guidelines the Health Department uses to determine what events qualify as public food service events and what the boundaries are. He expressed concern with the lack of action for what he considered more serious issues, while choosing to enforce this type of action. Mr. Ruben suggested the only recourse for the County when dissatisfied would be when it is time to make appointments of board members for any entity. Mr. Hepler expressed concerns with the way votes and business is being handled by the Board of Health. They have chosen to handle administrative salary increases in closed session, but chose to handle a concern regarding a local business in open session. Mrs. Schumacher reported she recently met with Mark Hilliard regarding this issue. She understands both sides and suggested the Health Department do a better job at education so events aren't unexpectedly shut down. Mr. Carlton asked that "public food service event" be clearly defined so expectations and requirements are clear for everyone and lessen the impact to society. Mr. Ruben suggested the Board invite Mr. Hilliard and Mr. Cavi be invited to address the Board at the Board of Whole meeting in December to continue this discussion. Mr. Carlton and Mr. Hepler will pursue this.
- 3) ZBA authority: Current ordinance requires a hearing for a re-zone. Mr. Hepler asked Mr. D'Andrea if the County Board could consider a rezoning petition if a hearing is held and no opinion is

rendered. Mr. D'Andrea responded the ZBA has always provided a decision and he has no other expectation in this case. The petitioner requested a continuance and the ZBA intends to provide a decision at that time. Mr. Muck spoke to the reason he requested the continuance and his efforts to address concerns.

- 4) Zoning ordinance change: Mr. Aylesworth felt this is not an appropriate time to consider changing the process, since there is a petition currently in process.

A motion was made by Mr. Ruben, seconded by Mr. Carlton, to approve the bills. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Ruben, seconded by Mr. Aylesworth, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.
Meeting ended at 7:38 pm.