

Martin County Economic Development Authority (MCEDA)
June 8, 2009 5:00pm
Commissioner's Board Room

The meeting was called to order by President Sukalski at 5:11pm, those present were Grupe, Pierce, and Boler, Absent: Pribyl, Schmidtke, and Clark. Also present were: Scott Higgins, Martin County Coordinator and Bryan Stading, RCEF Director.

Motion by Grupe, seconded by Boler to approve the agenda as presented. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Pierce, seconded by Grupe to approve the minutes as presented. Carried unanimously.

Grupe reviewed the Area Career Exploration (ACE) event held on May 6, 2009 at the Fairmont High School stating that the booklets that were put together for the students were outstanding and well done. The students took the aptitude survey first of careers that may best fit them. Pierce concurred and stated that the Bob Wallace (Fairmont Chamber of Commerce) and Garey Ferguson (Fairmont Workforce Center) indicated that they expected to put on the program next year and expand it to juniors and seniors and to have people who moved back to their hometown for a career to speak to the students as well. Sukalski stated that the more we get out in front of the high school students regarding careers the better.

Schmidtke arrived at the meeting at 5:15pm.

Stading reviewed the monthly client report for the month of May with the Board.

Stading informed the Commission that Kevin Lake has completed his internship with RCEF (along with Martin County projects). Stading suggested that the Community Asset Building meetings should be completed. Clark stated the need to meet and formulate a survey to send to business owners and leaders.

Higgins announced that legislation has been approved for Martin County EDA to receive a continuation grant from DEED for Entrepreneurial and Small Business facilitation in the amount of \$63,000 and increase from 49,000/year the previous two years effective July 1, 2010 (FY10). Higgins stated that the grant requires a dollar for dollar match.

Sukalski asked for possible meeting dates and times to finalize the strategic plan for the EDA. After discussion, it was determined that either July 7th or July 10 were mutual meeting dates. It was asked that all members be polled to determine which date worked best for the majority. Grupe suggested that Representative Gunther be a part of the strategic planning session. Higgins will follow up with Mr. Gunther.

Higgins reviewed the CY2010 preliminary budget request stating that Pierce and Sukalski put together the proposed budget for the Commission's review. Higgins stated that the projected revenues for CY2010 are \$141,047 (tax levy of \$78,047) and expenditures of \$141,047. After discussion,

Motion by Grupe, seconded by Pierce to approve and submit the CY2010 preliminary budget with projected revenues of \$141,047 (tax levy of \$78,047) and expenditures of \$141,047, to the County Coordinator's Office for inclusion in the overall Martin County Budget. Carried unanimously.

Higgins presented the bills to be paid in June in the amount of \$65.00.

Motion by Schmidtke, seconded by Pierce to pay the bills for June as presented in the amount of \$65.00. Carried unanimously.

Higgins reviewed the monthly financial statement for May 2009, which included a detail breakdown of revenue and expenses since the inception of the DEED grant program.

Higgins reviewed the information as listed in the agenda.

With no further business to wit,

Motion by Pierce, seconded by Boler to adjourn at 6:45pm. Carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned.

Lawrence Sukalski, President, MCEDA

Attest: Chris Pierce, Secretary/Treasurer