ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Clinton County Board Room
January 28, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

Mike Rakers, Chairman

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman, Mike Rakers.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS
Committee Members Present: Mike Rakers, Greg Riechman, and Jeff Crisel

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS
No guests present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion was made by Jeff Crisel to approve the September minutes. Greg Riechman seconded the motion. Moton carried.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- Mike Rakers reported that he received a request from the Aviston American Legion Post 1239 for a donation to assist with the upfront costs of advertising and promotion of the Illinois State Legion Baseball Tournament that they will be hosting on July 22-26, 2026 in Aviston. When they last hosted in 2022, they said they saw close to 3,500 people per day at the event, bringing in significant revenue for the County hotels, Bed & Breakfast locations, restaurants, gas stations and local stores. After discussion, motion was made by Jeff Crisel to give the Aviston American Legion $5,000.00 in support of the Illinois State Legion Baseball Tournament. Greg Riechman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURN
Motion to adjourn was made by Greg Riechman. Seconded by Jeff Crisel. Motion carried.