

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Clinton County Board Room
June 5, 2023 – 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, Holly Clark, Greg Riechman and Ann Schroeder
Also Present: Board Chairman Brad Knolhoff

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Geoffrey King, Emily Desmond, and Cheryl Brinkmann

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Greg Riechman to approve the April minutes. Holly Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Airbnb:

Holly Clark gave a brief update on the County Airbnbs and VRBOs that she located in Clinton County. She is trying to get further information on whether taxes are being paid to the County and will report back to the committee.

Broadband:

Clinton County Broadband Representative, Cheryl Brinkmann, noted that there are programs coming up regarding Broadband. She will register for any she feels will be beneficial for Clinton County. She also presented information on two new grant programs...The Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD) and the Digital Equity Program. She voiced particular interest in the BEAD Program.

NEW BUSINESS

Shawnee National Park Resolution:

Committee Chairman said that he has talked to several people in the southern counties, and most of the locals are not in support of the Shawnee National Park & Climate Preserve. The decision was made not to sign the resolution in support of it at this time.

Greater St. Louis Inc. Capital Project Map:

Geoffrey King and Emily Desmond gave a presentation on behalf of Greater St. Louis Inc. Greater St. Louis Inc. is a non-profit organization and is working on a Regional Capital Projects Map. Given the lagging economic performance in the Metro East in the past decade, their goal is to boost economic growth and increase the volume of high quality, well-paying jobs.

ORV Ordinance

Committee Chairman Mike Rakers distributed a copy of the Non-Highway Vehicle Ordinance that was passed in Saline County. A discussion was held in regard to what can be done to pass a similar ordinance here in Clinton County.

Clinton County's 200th Birthday

Board Chairman Brad Knolhoff wanted to remind everyone that December 2024 will mark Clinton County's 200th Birthday. We should be thinking of ideas for celebrating it.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Ann Schroeder. Seconded by Holly Clark. Motion carried.