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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Economic Development Committee Minutes
June 7, 2016**

The DeKalb County Economic Development Committee met on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 @ 7:00p.m. in the DeKalb County Administration Building's Conference Room East. Chairman Brown called the meeting to order. Members present were Mr. Faivre, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Pietrowski, Jr., and Mr. Whelan. Others present were Gary Hanson and Doug Johnson.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Whelan, seconded by Mr. Faivre, and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from May 3, 2016.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Ms. Polanco, seconded by Mr. Pietrowski, Jr., and it was carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

PUBLIC OR MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

PROPOSED RAFFLE AND POKER RUN ORDINANCE

Mr. Doug Johnson, DeKalb County Clerk, approached the committee about a proposed raffle and poker run ordinance. He said that the purpose of this proposed ordinance is to regulate and control the conduct of raffles and poker runs within the unincorporated areas of the County and within the corporate limits of any municipality that is a party to any intergovernmental cooperation agreement for raffle and poker run licenses with the County. He said that the County already has an ordinance for raffles, this proposal is an amendment to that ordinance and it includes poker runs. The underlined sections throughout the ordinance are the additions to the ordinance.

Mr. Johnson said that he can grant a permit for free if he wants to if it is a non-for-profit entity. Otherwise, he can charge a fee of \$25.00. The pre-requisite for the license is that the organization should be a non-profit organization.

He continued by stating that there has not been any oversight before and now the County will have it. The committee agreed that a fee should not be charged to not-for-profit entities.

It was moved by Mr. Faivre, seconded by Ms. Leifheit, and it was carried unanimously to forward the proposed amendment for the Raffle and Poker Run Ordinance by allowing for the regulation of poker runs and the issuance of a raffle and poker run license at no charge.

BUSINESS INCUBATOR PROJECT

Ms. Supple informed the committee that a question arose from the Advisory Board meetings with the tenant interviews. They wanted to know if the wording in the Selection Criteria that deals with 4 employees as the maximum amount of employees allowed in the incubator under one company, should be deleted or explained more. That is, should it read, 4 full time employees, or something else.

The committee said that they trust the expertise of the Advisory Board and felt that the wording should be removed from the Selection Criteria.

It was moved by Mr. Faivre, seconded by Mr. Pietrowski, Jr., and it was carried unanimously to remove this language from the Selection Criteria materials.

Mr. Hanson mentioned that there has been some concern in the Community Outreach Building about the children that are clients of Adventure Works, which is housed in the Incubator space. He said that the complaints have been that the children can be quite disruptive and that there could be some safety concerns.

One of the suggestions was to reduce the offices to 2 or 3 offices for Adventure Works. They could also work with them and set a guideline.

COORDINATOR'S REPORTS

Ms. Supple said that she had no report to give for the Arts Council as they will report to this committee themselves periodically during the year.

Ms. Supple then reported on the DeKalb County Convention and Visitor's Bureau. She said that DeKalb County will have an article appearing in the "Travel Illinois" magazine's August issue. This magazine reaches 700,000 people who will be able to read about Whiskey Acres. Ms. Armstrong will be publishing 30,000 copies of her Visitor's Guide this year. The Liquid Sunshine Project has begun in the City of DeKalb. This is where a group of volunteers are getting together and painting pictures on certain sidewalks throughout the City of DeKalb. With these special paints, the public can only see the pictures when it rains.

In DeKalb County the economic impact of tourism is: \$88.46 million in visitor expenditures, 530 jobs supported, \$1.38 million in state and local tax revenues from tourism, increased economic impact from visitor spending almost 3% over the state average of 5.4%.

Ms. Supple then highlighted certain events coming up this summer, which are:

July 31, 2016 is the Turning Back Time Car Show in Sycamore

August 20 – Ribs, Rhythm and Blues Fest in Sycamore.

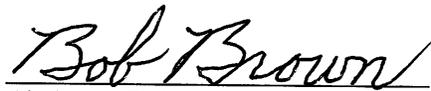
August 26-28 – is CornFest with the headline band of the Fabulous Thunderbirds to perform on August 28th.

September 7 – 11th – Sandwich Fair.

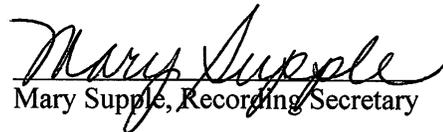
ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Porterfield, seconded by Ms. Polanco, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman Robert Brown



Mary Supple, Recording Secretary