

Minutes

January 9, 2007

## GREENE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

*Greene County is known as an area able to promote growth but maintain its small town atmosphere.*

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

A new face in the group prompted us to introduce ourselves by sharing our names and occupations. Welcome Mark Dugger, your experience and optimism will be a great asset to our group.

### **Old Business:**

Luann Hubbard the FCCLA Sponsor at Greenfield High School, came up with a fund raising idea and with her class raised \$179.00 for the Almshouse preservation. There will be a news release and photos taken. Time and date TBA .

### **New Business:**

Voted for Officers to serve for 2007: Chairman, Sandra Schmidt; Vice Chairman, Sylvia Kallal; Treasurer, Willie Rees; Secretary: Kelly Smith.

Sandra Schmidt is our VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) candidate, soon to be our full time VISTA Volunteer. The Illinois Coalition for Community Service is the sponsoring organization. We are looking for donated office space for our group. If you become aware of available space please contact Sandra or present the information at our next meeting.

Sandra attended a Jan. 3rd meeting at the E-Center in Carlinville and acquired information packets for us to give to clients to help with grant funds. There is a workshop on February 24th at Blackburn College. More information regarding that will be forthcoming.

### **Discussion:**

Site Selection- Create a committee to start land searches, Grant monies needed to buy the "Options" on land, fund infrastructure installation or updates, and pay for mailings.

Recruit people from all aspects of our county to join our committee. This group is to include government, municipalities, business owners and other concerned citizens.

Incubator Group: is there a large building that could be used as office spaces to jump-start new businesses?

### **Visioning session:**

Jason Walker took us through the brain storming process of finding and prioritizing the goals of our group. Our next meeting will help us break down the goals into action steps. These steps will make the goals achievable in a realistic time frame.

Goals:

- 1) Develop a community wide Economic Committee.
- 2) Recruit business and industry and local entrepreneurs.
- 3) Internal county promotion

**Next meeting:** February 20,2007, Rockbridge twp. Hall 7:00 pm. Bring others you know that are interested.

**Together, we CAN make a difference.** Treats provided by: (?) we need a volunteer.

**Attendance:** Wilma Chappee, Joe Clark, Ron Coultas, Mark Dugger, Willie Rees, Sandra Schmidt, Kenny & Gail Schutz, Kelly Smith, Jason Walker.