

# GREENE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE INC.

June 27, 2006  
Minutes by Kelly Smith

## 1. Updates:

- a. Business survey handed out to review; discussion at August meeting and training to begin early Fall
- b. Almshouse: members checking on "Emergency funds" to secure the building, i.e. new roof, board up windows, fix exterior holes. Sandra Schmidt to discuss with County Board our ideas, plans and efforts and to request an moratorium on their plans to sell the building.
  1. Senator DeMuzio letter -handed out at June meeting. (funds not appropriated)
  2. Grants
  3. Public Funds (fund raisers)
- c. Status on corporate books: still waiting for old corporate files to be turned over, opened checking account at Farmers State Bank in White Hall with approximately \$1700.00 left from the previous EDC.
- d. Handed out at June meeting new letterhead. Please make corrections/ updates and return to Sandra.
- e. Rick Keim presented membership fee comparison sheet. Discussion at next meeting.

## 2. New Business

- a. Guest speaker, Ryan Hobson, shared what the U of I can provide through the Extension and CED program. (great information, however, we are not there yet)

### Partnering with the Extension:

- I. Hire an Educator. They can create curriculum and teach, work with the county on finding needs and making a plan of attack. Masters Degree \$32,000
- II. Hire a Program Coordinator. Does surveys, contacts resources, collects and analyzes data. Limited to 37 hours weekly, no teaching, no curriculum created. Start at \$22,500

## 3. Opportunities:

- a. Fernwood Mausoleum in Roodhouse
- b. Greene County Bike Path, Roodhouse City Hall, July 11<sup>th</sup>
- c. Greene County Economic Development Committee, Inc. booth at Greene County Days

**Home Work:** Clip news article of interest to share with the group. If you have county promotion ideas please share them with the group.

**Next Meeting,** Wednesday, July 19, 7:00 p.m. The Greene County Almshouse Carrollton

**June 27<sup>th</sup> meeting attendees:**

**Wilma Chappee  
Rick Keim  
Ryan Hobson  
Chad Schutz  
Kelly Smith  
Jason Walker  
Don Roberts  
Ron Coultas  
Willie Rees  
Sandra Schmidt**